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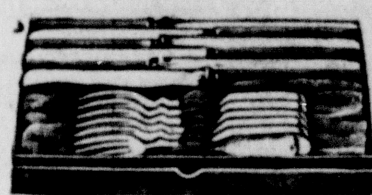
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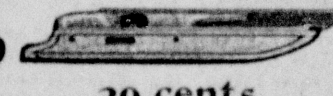
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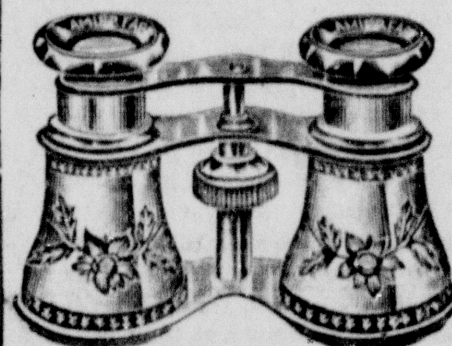
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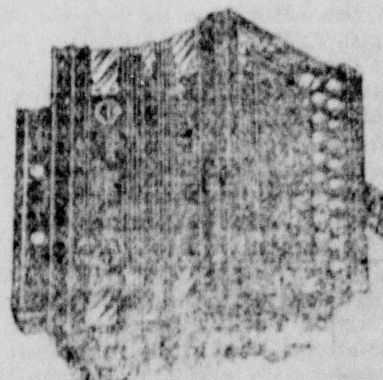
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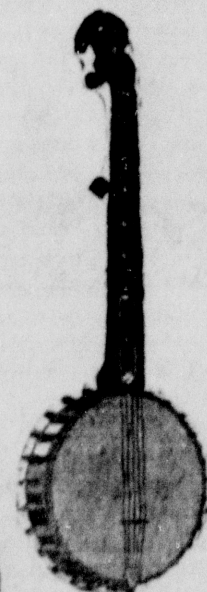
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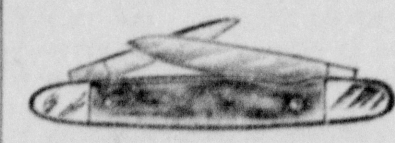
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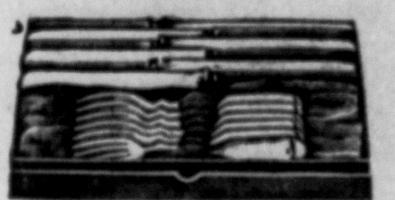
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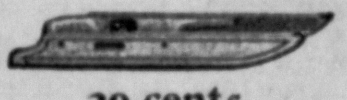
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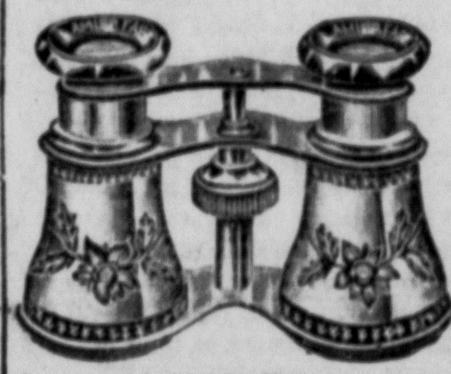
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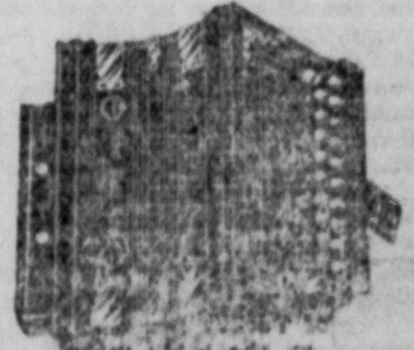
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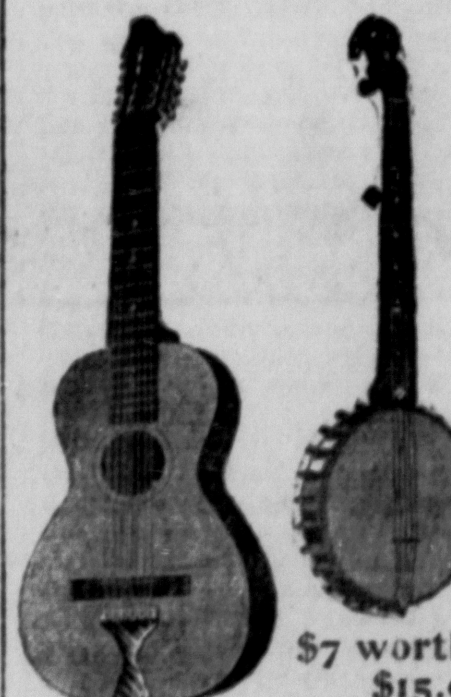
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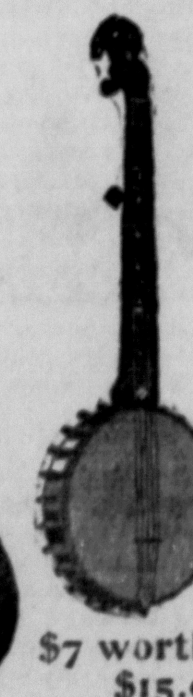
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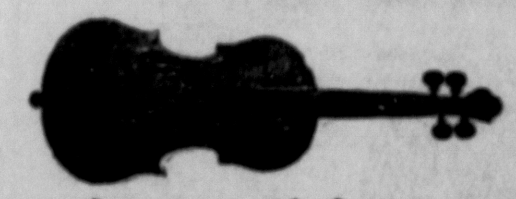
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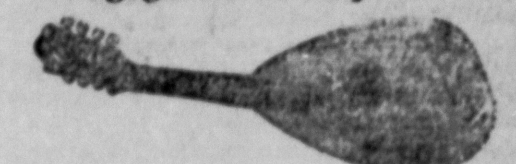
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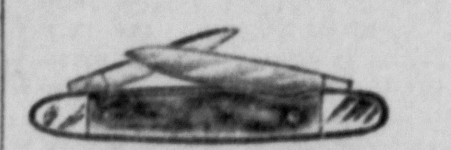
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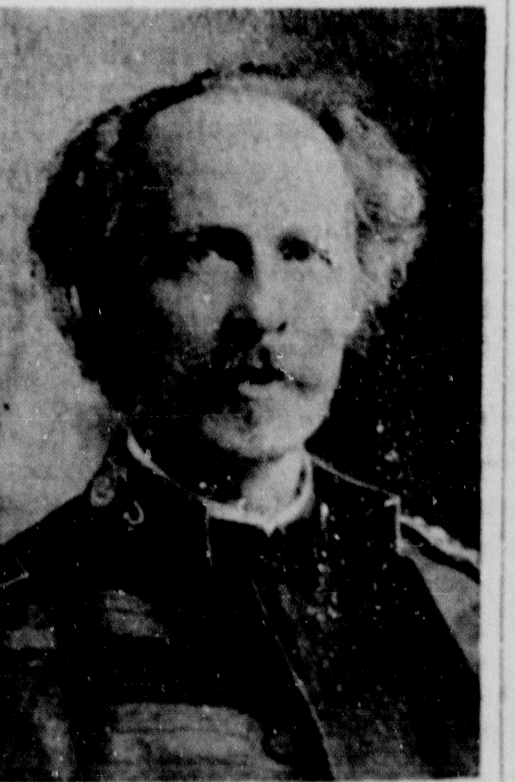


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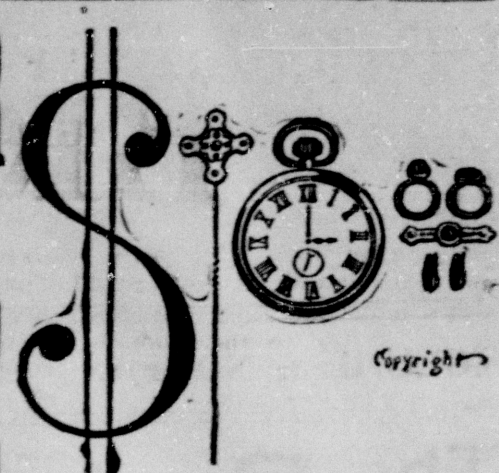
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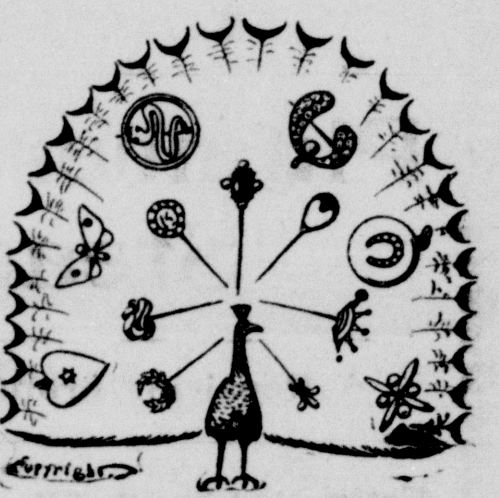
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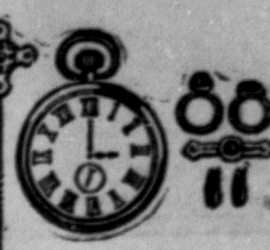
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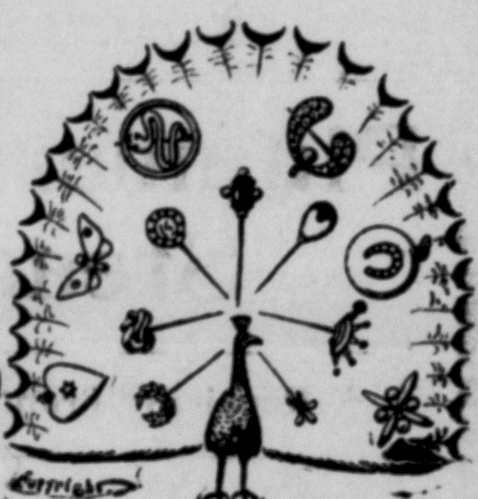
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WESTFALL & GEORGESEN.

The Follower

A Weird Story of One Wrapped in a Black Cloak.

Two men, John and David, walked side by side along a dusty road. They were returning from the great town in the valley to their homes in the hamlet hanging high above them against the mountain.

As they walked they chatted of the sights in the town, of the good wives and little ones to whom they were coming after three days' absence, joking, joyous, happy in remembrance of their town jollity and in the anticipation of their welcome home. Occasionally they stopped under the overhanging branches of an orchard and ate apples, or they knelt by a spring, making a cup of their hands to drink from, then passed on again.

The sun struck down fiercely upon their backs and shimmered on the dust of the road.

"Ah, the heat! Let us go more slowly, John."

"No," replied the other; "it will be cooler higher up. Let us make haste and reach the shade of the woods, and beyond there will be a breeze blowing."

Suddenly as they walked David felt that they were not alone and, turning his head, saw a third person following a few paces behind them, an extremely tall man, wrapped in a black cloak. As David turned the man's eyes looked into his with a steady, unflinching gaze. The black robed figure was only a short distance behind him, walking with a long, even stride, without sound, his cloak drawn up to his ears, covering his mouth and chin.

As David looked he shivered; then, turning his head quickly, he walked rapidly on, urging his companion to hasten.

"But just now you were calling to me to go slower, and now you want to hurry."

"Yes; let us hurry—the heat!" And they passed on, the ardent sun beating on their backs.

As they went forward David turned over in his thoughts the strange sight he had seen behind him, that was behind them now, he felt certain, though not daring to look again, a shiver coursed the length of his spine at the thought of the muffled figure in that fierce heat. And John—had he also seen it? Did he know what came swiftly, without sound, at their heels? He looked cautiously from the corner of his eye at his friend without turning his head even slightly. John plodded on, his eyes on the ground and his big shoes white with the dust, grumbling at the heat, his face dull and expressionless.

At length they reached the cooler air where the road climbed between the arching trees of the forest, and John halted to rest in the shadow. He was older than his friend and tired more easily.

"Now," thought David, "he will look back and see." And he watched the other's face narrowly.

They sat on the edge of the road, their legs hanging down the bank, John's gaze wandered back down the long stretch over which they had come, and David waited.

But the old man only looked out from the shadow with a half smile of satisfaction that so much of the long journey was over, his simple countenance placid with the thought. "How white the road is!" he said.

"And not many travelers on it," said David in half question, still looking earnestly at his comrade's face.

"Not a creature in sight," answered John quietly. "We have the road to ourselves. Others are not such fools to come out in this sun!"

David, reassured by this, turned slowly and looked back. Just below, by the first tree, in full view, silent, motionless, stood the tall figure, a little nearer than before.

David leaped to his feet and ran along the steep road, stumbling, terrified. John saw nothing, and this creature so close, in plain view. "Hurry, hurry!" he called back and ran on.

"What has come to you? Are you crazy?" cried the old man. "One can't pause to rest but you jump and run!"

"I—I am not—well, I want to get home," panted David. "We have yet far to go. We must not waste time resting."

"You are sick. Yes, you are pale. Your teeth chatter. We will stop at old Andrew's and get you something. It is this scorching day."

"Yes, yes, we will stop at old Andrew's. He will cure me. It is not far; only beyond the next turn where the trees end."

"And we can take the short way home from there, the path from the back of his house up 'The Rocks.'"

Again they walked rapidly onward, the old man full of concern for his friend, the young man looking straight ahead.

At the border of the forest the small brown house stood on the edge of old Andrew's scanty farmland, the poor, half barren land of these mountain farms. Beyond the few fields that stretched up gradually from the back of the house rose abruptly "The Rocks," a high cliff, reaching far along the side of the mountain, sheer, forbidding, its bald face crossed by a rough, narrow pathway. By using this steep way the journey to the cluster of houses above the cliff was made much shorter than by following the gradual, winding ascent of the road.

The two friends turned in at old Andrew's little gate. At the door they were met by the farmer's wife, her sleeves rolled up to the elbows.

"Ah, John Martin and David! Back from the fair? Come in."

"Yes, Mary, on the way home. Where is Andrew? David here had a turn on

the road coming along below, and we want Andrew to mix him something. The sun was too strong for him, I think."

"Yes, yes, Andrew! Andrew!" She raised her voice and called into the house over her shoulder. "Come in, both of you! He is somewhere about. It is cool in the house at the shady side, and Dave can lie down there."

David cast one brief glance backward as he followed the others into the house. In the road just beyond the gate and looking over it stood the one that followed.

Old Andrew was held in high esteem among the mountain people as half doctor, half wizard, with his knowledge of the use of roots and herbs. He brewed a muddy, pungent tea, which David drank, and Mary, the wife, placed extra plates at the table and insisted on the travelers taking supper.

"Let David rest," she said, "and if he is better after supper you can go home in the evening by the short cut. There will be a moon, or he may stay the night if not strong enough to go home."

So it was arranged. Old Andrew and John talked together of the simple, worn subjects of their rude lives—the poverty of the soil, the long season without rain, the many hardships that befall the farmer.

The wife plied David with questions about the town. "Was there a big crowd at the fair? And the weather—was it fine every day? Did you see the cows from the Duncan farm?" and so on. David answered absently, thinking of the waiting stranger outside the gate.

When the twilight fell, the young man felt able to go on and was anxious to reach his family, so the two men set out along the path through the rocky fields. As they reached the base of "The Rocks" and began the steep ascent the moon rose.

John led the way, stepping cautiously, calling back to the other to avoid the uncertain footholds.

But David, climbing after, thought of nothing but the somber shape that had waited outside and had followed close across the fields after them and which he felt climbed up and up behind him, step by step.

There was no sound except when at intervals a loose stone rolled down, dislodged by their feet. The night was beautiful. The broad face of the cliff shone in the moonlight. Here and there along the edge of the path, where there was danger, rude railings had been placed to protect the traveler. These were silvered by the moon. At some places a rock jutting out cast below it a dense shadow amid the surrounding whiteness.

As they climbed David tried to force himself to turn and face the man in the black cloak and question him, his name, his mission, why he followed, gaining steadily step by step, but he lacked courage. Once he had met that cold, steady gaze. He could not brave it again. He watched his comrade climb above him slowly. Slowly he climbed after him, and glancing down, saw the edge of the black cloak blown upward against his legs.

He stopped and put his hands over his eyes. "Who are you?" he said in a low, broken voice. "Why do you follow, pressing nearer and nearer?"

And a voice answered at his ear, while the folds of the cloak, blown upward, flapped about him, "You shall know my name when you are at the end of your journey."

"No, now!" whispered David hoarsely. "Now, your name?"

"Faghter on!" came the voice. "When you reach the next railing."

And they climbed on again in the moonlight. John had gone round a turn of the path out of sight. David advanced feebly, rising laboriously from step to step, pausing often. He could feel the other pressing up behind him, ever nearer.

When they reached the railing above, David stopped, with his hand upon it. "Now, your name?"

"Do you not know?"

The moonlight fell with tender beauty over the broad valley below, upon the white road, upon the forest trees, upon the small brown house at the foot of the cliff. The black cloak floated about his head, before his eyes, coming between them and the fair picture. A hand fell upon his, grasping the railing.

"Your name! Your name!"

David's hand closed firmly on the wooden rail, and he leaned heavily against it for support. An arm closed round him.

"I am so near—so near. Do you not know?"

There was a sharp sound of breaking wood as the rotten timber parted in two, and David fell outward, his struggling feet scraping along the rock. As he fell the folds of black swept round him, the arm embraced him more closely, and they went down together. And David knew that the one that followed was Death.

Rebuking a Greedy Client.

A Philadelphia lawyer, long dead, who had a national reputation, having been honored with high positions of trust both at Washington and Harrisburg, was famous for his tremendous charges. One day a client for whom he had collected \$1,500 called at his office to receive the money, and the lawyer handed him a check for \$100. The client looked at it and remarked that the lawyer must have made a mistake and had given him the check which he meant to keep for his fee. "Let me look at the check," said the attorney, and, glancing over it, he declared that it was all right and no mistake had been made. The client kicked against a fee of \$1,400 for collecting \$1,500.

"Oh, well, if you want to be a hog about it take that," said the man of laws impatiently, and he wrote out another check. It was for \$150, and with that the client had to be content, the lawyer pocketing \$1,350.

EX-QUEEN IN WASHINGTON.

Liliuokalani to Spend the Season in That City.

Not the least interesting character in Washington today is ex-Queen Liliuokalani, one time sovereign of the Sandwich Islands, who recently arrived in this country from Honolulu. She will pass several months in the national capital. There she expects to spend the season in the best society the city affords and early in the spring will continue her trip around the world.

This is the ex-queen's third visit to this country, the last occasion being when she attempted in 1898 to obtain \$6,000,000 from congress for the loss of her throne and crown lands, but her claims were denied. Since the turbulent times beginning in 1895 with her arrest and leading up to her demand on the treasury of Uncle Sam she has been rather in the background.

The former monarch is very proud of her ancestors. She is a great-grand-niece of the celebrated Kapiolani, the



EX-QUEEN LILIUOKALANI.

first Hawaiian to be converted to Christianity, who won thousands of her fellow country men and women to the new faith by her daring and successful defiance of the inhuman fire god whom the islanders worshipped.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani's accomplishments include an excellent command of the English language and superiority as a musician. In the church music of Honolulu her cultivated taste and decided ability have been most useful. She composed an air for the national hymn and has arranged many popular airs. Queen Liliuokalani was married about thirty-five years ago to the late John O. Dominis, an American, who was governor of Oahu, Hawaii. In society in Honolulu Mrs. Dominis has always held a prominent place, associating from her youth with the more cultivated ladies of the capital, among whom she received her early education.

COMING TO AMERICA.

Famous Woman Astronomer to Assist Professor Roberts.

All of the Klumpke girls have made a name for themselves abroad in art, music and science, and again one of them has gained new honors. Miss Dorothea Klumpke, the famous astronomer, has just been appointed chief assistant to Professor Isaac Roberts at the Leland Stanford, Jr., university. A number of years ago she went to Paris to take a vocal education, but finding her voice could never make her great she turned her attention to the study of mathematics in their application to astronomy.

Miss Klumpke became a student in the famous school of astronomy and mathematics connected with the observatory of Paris and was the first woman to win the degree of doctor of mathematics. At the age of twenty-three, in competition with fifty Frenchmen, she won a position as head of a department in the Paris observatory, where her work has attracted a great deal of attention.

The astronomer is a tall, well formed, handsome woman and a gifted conversationalist. She speaks German, French and English with equal facility. About a year ago she made several balloon ascensions to study the



MISS DOROTHEA KLUMPKKE.

leonid showers and take other observations, one of her voyages taking her as far as the coast of Normandy. The French government recently decorated her.

Of the sisters of Miss Klumpke, Anna is a famous portrait painter, Julia is a brilliant violinist, and Augusta was the first woman to be appointed house surgeon in a Paris hospital.



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ASK FOR PROTECTION.

Porto Ricans Protest Against Concessions Being Made to Cuba.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 20.—The chamber of commerce of San Juan has asked the governor of the island of Porto Rico to transmit a cablegram to the authorities at Washington requesting that congress, when dealing with the question of Cuban reciprocity, consider Porto Rico. The chamber of commerce asks that Porto Rican sugar be protected against the introduction of Cuban sugar into the United States and that a bounty be paid for Porto Rican coffee as an American product under the protection of the American flag.

STRUCK OIL IN EGYPT.

Important Discovery of Petroleum at Gebel-Geit, Near Suez.

London, Dec. 20.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from its Cairo correspondent to the effect that after working for two years at Gebel-Geit, near Suez, operators employed by the petroleum syndicate have encountered petroleum in the sand at a depth of 2,115 feet. A terrific flow of gas followed the discovery and caused an explosion which wrecked the boring plants and blocked up the well. This discovery is considered important as pointing to the existence of oil fields in Egypt.

"Growing Down."

Everybody has noticed that in extreme old age people grow rapidly shorter, so that a person formerly of average height "grows down" into quite a diminutive man or woman. A German contemporary points out that this decrease of height begins as early as the age of 35 years. At 30, we are told, the human body has reached its full height, which is retained for a few years, after which the "growing down" process begins. At first and for many years the process is so slow as to be almost imperceptible, but at the age of about 60 it begins to be noticeable, and after 70, even though a veteran does not stoop at all, the fact that he is "growing down" becomes apparent to one and all.

A Moody Retort.

A religious enthusiast, whose hobby was anti-Catholicism, went to the great evangelist one day and put the direct question: "Mr. Moody, do you ever intend to do any preaching against the Catholics?"

"Yes, I may some time." "When will that be?" "After the Protestants are converted."

One Way of Telling.

Curley—You see that fellow loafing over there? He used to go to the same college that I did. I wonder if he remembers me?

Burleigh—Ask him for the loan of \$5. Curley—What for?

Burleigh—If he remembers you, you won't get it.—Judge.

The Penmanship of Authors.

Is there really any connection between the cast of a writer's mind and his handwriting? asks The Pall Mall Gazette. Thackeray was one of the neatest of writers and boasted that if other trades failed he could get his living by writing the Lord's Prayer on a shilling. Keats wrote like a clerk, and Gray, Tom Moore, Leigh Hunt and Sir Walter Scott all used running hands, which were legible without any marked characteristics. The same may be said of the writings of Anthony Trollope and Professor Tyndall, none, perhaps, of these writers being much given to subtlety of expression.

Carlyle, on the other hand, is said to have produced the most untidy and awful scribble that ever puzzled a compositor, and Victor Hugo, Browning and Tennyson were nearly as bad. Yet, although this looks as if there might be some sort of a rule in such matters, we find Napoleon, who certainly never failed in directness of expression, writing a hand that he could not read himself, and Macready, the actor, whose order for the theater was once taken for a prescription for a cough mixture.

One thing seems pretty certain—that the mere size of the letters has little to do with character.

Raleigh's Favorite Tipple.

Sir Walter Raleigh seems to have had a pretty taste in stimulants, to judge by his "cordial water," the recipe for which is copied from a cookbook nearly 300 years old. This is how Sir Walter concocted his favorite drink:

"Take a gallon of strawberries and put them into a pint of aqua vitae (brandy). Let them stand so four or five days. Strain them gently out and sweeten the water as you please with fine sugar or else with perfume."

Queen Elizabeth was exceedingly fond of perfumes, and, according to this old book, her favorite scent was made in this manner: "Take eight spoonfuls of compound water, the weight of twopence in fine powdered sugar and boil it on hot embers or coals softly. Add half an ounce of sweet marjoram, dry it in the sun, the weight of twopence of powdered benjamin (benzoin). This perfume is very good and sweet for the time."

Shorts in a Corner.

"Yes," said young Mr. Bashful to his best girl, "the stock market has been through considerable excitement of late."

"Oh, yes," the girl responded, eager to take part in conversation on a topic which interested her Adolphus. "I have read a lot about it in the paper—all about those dreadful bulls and bears and things."

"Yes," Adolphus went on; "they got the shorts in a corner and effectually squeezed them."

"Did they?"

"Yes."

"I think," the demure maid added, after a few minutes' meditation, "that if ever I become a speculator I shall be a short."

A few minutes later she found it was not necessary to speculate in stock in order to be treated as a "short."—Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

The Lemon.

The lemon contains various acids, citric acid among them, with citrate of potash, and these acids oxidize in the blood into carbonates of potash and carbonic acid. As scurvy is believed to be due to a lack of potash salts in the blood, we see how substances like lemons, potatoes and fresh vegetables generally act as preventives of the ailment. Also in rheumatism, in which it is desirable to maintain the alkaline character of the blood, lemons are of service. Beyond this I do not think anybody can vaunt the properties of the fruit. A healthy person has no more need of lemons than of, say, tea, for his ordinary food will supply him with all that is necessary for the maintenance of a sound body. People who talk about lemons as "good for the liver," and so forth, found their belief rather on faith than on knowledge.—London Chronicle.

Arundel Castle.

The most singular circumstance about Arundel castle is that its owner, by mere right of ownership, is Earl of Arundel in the peerage of England. It is believed that there is no similar example of a peerage held on such conditions. Apparently there would be no legal obstacle, were the house of Howard to fall upon evil days and the castle be sold to some millionaire, to prevent the millionaire taking his seat in the house of lords as Earl of Arundel.

Mr. Buggins—Fifty dollars for a bonnet! Why, madam, it's a crime. Mrs. Buggins—Well, the crime is on my own head.—Philadelphia Record.

Industrious Locusts.

He was an old sailor and full of yarns about the good old times of sailing ships. "I remember once," he said, "while we were cruising round the Pacific we were surrounded by a swarm of locusts, which ate every inch of our sails. When we got into the next port, I'm blowed if we didn't see the same locusts and every one with a pair of canvas trousers."

Different From the Rest.

They are talking about how they happened to marry.

"I married my wife," said one after the others had all had their say, "because she was so different from any woman I had ever met."

"How was that?" chorused the others.

"She was the only woman I ever met who would have me."

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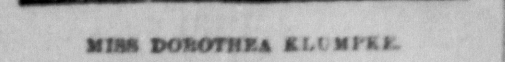
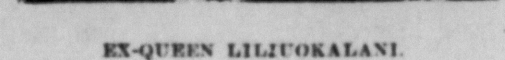
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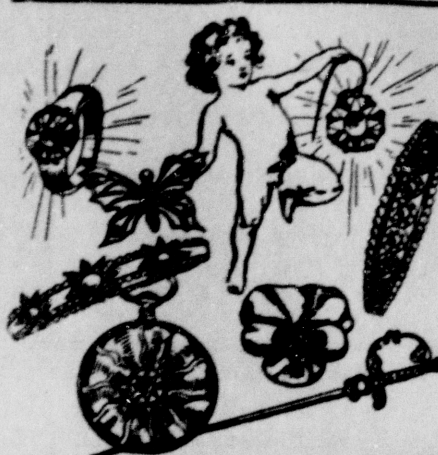
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1901.

Weather.

Threatening tonight with possible snow flurries. Warmer Saturday.

JANUARY 16th St. Paul will entertain the good roads convention.

EDITOR PEASE begins to think that the press notices he has received have fully repaid him for his siege with the smallpox.

THE swearing off time is near at hand again. Like Christmas, it comes but once a year and usually lasts about as long.

SOME sixteen thousand dollars were yesterday paid out for forestry bounties by State Auditor Dunn. Forty counties were represented and the number of warrants issued were 2,800, going to as many different farmers.

What about underwear? You certainly must need them this weather. Remember the sale price means less than cost now at Moberg's.

Jersey leggings are appreciated by everybody this cold weather. A little cash buys them at the Big 9, 6th St.

Ladies Take Notice.

Save 25 per cent by buying your holiday gifts at Westfall & George's. You surely can do it.

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Ladies' watches \$5.00 to \$60.00. Boys' from \$3.00 to \$15.00, at the "Circle Front."

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Elegant line of purses, pocket books etc. at Swartz's drug store.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Postoffice Inspector Drake was in the city this forenoon, on his way to Fargo.

The high school glee club give a dancing party this evening at Trades and Labor hall.

C. C. Eastman, postmaster at Wadena and publisher of the Pioneer Journal, is in the city.

Miss Grace Low left this afternoon for Fargo where she will visit during the holidays with relatives and friends.

J. N. Sanborn, master mechanic of the M. & I., returned yesterday from Richmond, Va., where he has been on business. General Manager Gemmell is expected home tomorrow.

Mrs. W. S. Meldrum and daughter of Denver, Col., arrived in the city this afternoon to visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Downie through the holidays. Mrs. Meldrum is Mrs. Downie's mother.

The business college closed yesterday for two weeks and Prof. Vath left this morning for Sauk Centre to spend the holidays. The college will be opened for the winter term on January 6.

George Nevers will take charge of the gymnasium class at the Y. M. C. A. He will begin his work this evening and all wishing to join the class are requested to apply at the office of Acting Secretary Flickewir at once.

There was a meeting of Brainerd Lodge, B. P. O. E., last night and W. C. Lynch and Al Bell were initiated into the mysteries of the order. At the business meeting J. E. Dougherty was elected esteemed lecturing knight, the office having been declared vacant a few weeks ago.

John Liljendahl has had erected a frame building on the corner of Laurel and Ninth streets which will be used for a blacksmith shop. Mr. Liljendahl has had a blacksmith shop near the flour mill for some time, but his business has grown so that he required new quarters. He expects to move to the new location shortly after Christmas.

A very pleasant social hour was spent at the home of Mrs. Craig, Ninth street north, last evening by the officers and a few of the members of the Ladies' Aid society, of the Presbyterian church, who presented to Mrs. Craig a rocking chair on the eve of her birthday. The president, Mrs. Gibson, made the presentation speech, assisted by Rev. A. H. Carver.

Mrs. E. S. Doty left for Minneapolis this afternoon on business.

Miss Erlis Smith returned to her home in Alden this afternoon.

Cashier G. D. Labar left for St. Paul this afternoon on business.

H. E. Thomasen is the new mail agent on the Brainerd and Morris run.

Hon. A. F. Ferris returned this afternoon from a business trip to the Twin cities.

C. C. Kyle has been laid up for a couple of days at the sanitarium suffering from a severe cold.

James Dewar, J. A. Van Dyck and N. B. Chase returned last night from their ten days' outing at Gull lake.

Miss Eleanor Delemere returned to St. Paul this afternoon after a very pleasant visit in the city with her grandmother, Mrs. S. Chapman.

Miss Cora Davis delightfully entertained a number of young friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davis, last night.

The postoffice has commenced to feel the rush of holiday business. A window has been opened for the purpose of registering and mailing packages.

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APPROACHING NUPTIAL EVENT.

E. J. Ryan, The Popular Traveling Man to Wed Miss Lulu M. Woodard, at Bemidji, Next Monday.

A nuptial event of interest will occur next Monday at Bemidji when Mr. E. J. Ryan, a popular and well known traveling man, who makes this city quite often, and who is well acquainted here, will lead to the altar Miss Lulu Marguerite Woodard, a charming belle of Bemidji.

The wedding will occur at Bemidji, at St. Phillips church, Rev. Father Murphy officiating. W. F. Ryan, a brother of E. J. Ryan, passed through the city this afternoon en route to Bemidji. He will act as best man. Miss Loretta Woodard will be the maid of honor. The event will be one of the swellest in the history of that city, all the appointments being especially elaborate.

No traveling man on the road has more friends than Mr. Ryan and his many friends in this city extend congratulations in advance.

A fine line of cutters at Hessells', corner Fourth and Front.

BIG TEACHERS' MEETING.

Programs for the Minnesota Educational Association Session have Been Received in This City.

Prof. Torrens has received the program for the thirty-ninth annual session of the Minnesota Educational Association, and it is one of the best ever prepared by the educators.

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In the city from which to select an appropriate present. Come and make your selection while the stock is full and complete.

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT.

No exorbitant holiday charges made, but everything sold at a reasonable profit.

If you want anything in the Jewelry or silverware line for a Christmas present look at our stock before buying.

E. S. HOUGHTON.

We have the largest and best assorted stock of solid and filled Gold Watches ever brought to the city. They make the best Christmas presents you can buy. Our line of clocks is also unsurpassed.



DIAMONDS and JEWELRY.

Our stock of Diamonds and Jewelry is larger and more complete than ever before. If you want anything in this line you should visit our store before buying elsewhere.

Silverware

A large and complete assortment of silverware just received for the holiday trade, all in the latest styles and newest designs. Don't make a purchase of Silverware until you see our stock.

THE DAILY DISPATCH.

BY INGERSOLL & WIELAND.

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Entered at the post-office at Brainerd, Minn., as second class matter.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1901.

Weather.

Threatening tonight with possible snow flurries. Warmer Saturday.

JANUARY 16th St. Paul will entertain the good roads convention.

EDITOR PEASE begins to think that the press notices he has received have fully repaid him for his siege with the smallpox.

THE swearing off time is near at hand again. Like Christmas, it comes but once a year and usually lasts about as long.

SOME sixteen thousand dollars were yesterday paid out for forestry bounties by State Auditor Dunn. Forty counties were represented and the number of warrants issued were 2,800, going to as many different farmers.

What about underwear? You certainly must need them this weather. Remember the sale price means less than cost now at Moberg's.

Jersey leggings are appreciated by everybody this cold weather. A little cash buys them at the Big 9, 6th St.

Ladies Take Notice.

Save 25 per cent by buying your holiday gifts at Westfall & George-son's. You surely can do it.

See our bargain table, Losey & Dean.

WANTED—Boarders, good place at reasonable terms. 421 Sixth st. S.

Ladies' watches \$5.00 to \$60.00. Boys' from \$3.00 to \$15.00, at the "Circle Front."

Andrew Carnegie, the library man, has given Red Wing \$15,000 for a public library.

The Big 9's prices on staple goods are lower than some others closing out prices. Call and see.

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Elegant line of purses, pocket books etc. at Swartz's drug store.

D. M. Clark & Co. sell Sewing Machines on small payments.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Postoffice Inspector Drake was in the city this forenoon, on his way to Fargo.

The high school glee club give a dancing party this evening at Trades and Labor hall.

C. C. Eastman, postmaster at Wadena and publisher of the Pioneer Journal, is in the city.

Miss Grace Low left this afternoon for Fargo where she will visit during the holidays with relatives and friends.

J. N. Sanborn, master mechanic of the M. & L., returned yesterday from Richmond, Va., where he has been on business. General Manager Gemmell is expected home tomorrow.

Mrs. W. S. Meldrum and daughter of Denver, Col., arrived in the city this afternoon to visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Downie through the holidays. Mrs. Meldrum is Mrs. Downie's mother.

The business college closed yesterday for two weeks and Prof. Vath left this morning for Sauk Centre to spend the holidays. The college will be opened for the winter term on January 6.

George Nevers will take charge of the gymnasium class at the Y. M. C. A. He will begin his work this evening and all wishing to join the class are requested to apply at the office of Acting Secretary Flickwir at once.

There was a meeting of Brainerd Lodge, B. P. O. E., last night and W. C. Lynch and Al Bell were initiated into the mysteries of the order. At the business meeting J. E. Dougherty was elected esteemed lecturing knight, the office having been declared vacant a few weeks ago.

John Liljendahl has had erected a frame building on the corner of Laurel and Ninth streets which will be used for a blacksmith shop. Mr. Liljendahl has had a blacksmith shop near the flour mill for some time, but his business has grown so that he required new quarters. He expects to move to the new location shortly after Christmas.

A very pleasant social hour was spent at the home of Mrs. Craig, Ninth street north, last evening by the officers and a few of the members of the Ladies' Aid society, of the Presbyterian church, who presented to Mrs. Craig a rocking chair on the eve of her birthday. The president, Mrs. Gibson, made the presentation speech, assisted by Rev. A. H. Carver.

Mrs. E. S. Doty left for Minneapolis this afternoon on business.

Miss Erlis Smith returned to her home in Alden this afternoon.

Cashier G. D. Labar left for St. Paul this afternoon on business.

H. E. Thomasen is the new mail agent on the Brainerd and Morris run.

Hon. A. F. Ferris returned this afternoon from a business trip to the Twin cities.

C. C. Kyle has been laid up for a couple of days at the sanitarium suffering from a severe cold.

James Dewar, J. A. Van Dyck and N. B. Chase returned last night from their ten days' outing at Gull lake.

Miss Eleanor Delemere returned to St. Paul this afternoon after a very pleasant visit in the city with her grandmother, Mrs. S. Chapman.

Miss Cora Davis delightfully entertained a number of young friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davis, last night.

The postoffice has commenced to feel the rush of holiday business. A window has been opened for the purpose of registering and mailing packages.

Store your household goods with D. M. Clark & Co.

House and barn with five or forty acres of land for rent or sale at Gilbert lake. Inquire of J. N. Nevers. 3t

APPROACHING NUPTIAL EVENT.

E. J. Ryan, The Popular Traveling Man to Wed Miss Lulu M. Woodard, at Bemidji, Next Monday.

A nuptial event of interest will occur next Monday at Bemidji when Mr. E. J. Ryan, a popular and well known traveling man, who makes this city quite often, and who is well acquainted here, will lead to the altar Miss Lulu Marguerite Woodard, a charming belle of Bemidji.

The wedding will occur at Bemidji, at St. Phillips church, Rev. Father Murphy officiating. W. F. Ryan, a brother of E. J. Ryan, passed through the city this afternoon en route to Bemidji. He will act as best man. Miss Loretta Woodard will be the maid of honor. The event will be one of the swellest in the history of that city, all the appointments being especially elaborate.

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"It might seem best to give in detail all the conversation and remarks made on the occasion, but I fear to trespass on your time and patience.

"I have been a teacher in the public schools of Brainerd more than seven years. During that period I have taught under three other superintendents, none of whom ever offered to me any adverse criticism of my teaching. Superintendent Torrens never before offered to me any adverse criticism of my teaching, but has sometimes praised the work.

"I know that I am subject to proper criticism, and I could never resent any proper criticism, but when I meet improper criticism, unjustifiable accusations and insults from a superintendent, I must come to this honorable board for protection, for justice.

"I know you will appreciate the fact that nothing but unavoidable recognition of my duty could impel me to take this step.

"This matter is submitted to you in the full trust that the same will receive your official attention and to the end that all your teachers may continue their work without unnecessary distress and without personal fears." Respectfully,

ELIZABETH M. SOMERS.
There was also a delegation of business men consisting of Dr. W. Hemstead, M. J. Reilly and J. W. Koop, who had come to ask the board that the above communication be given all possible consideration. Dr. Hemstead made a statement to the board that the committee did not come be-

lieving that the board would not give the matter their closest consideration, but they felt that it was a matter of great importance and they should ferret out the facts in the case.

On motion of Secretary Mahlum the matter was referred to a committee of five to be named by President Hagberg. The chair appointed the following committee, which was instructed to report on the matter at the next regular meeting of the council: Messrs. Dickenson, Erickson, Mahlum, Johnson and Groves.

Dan Halladay qualified as a member of the board, he having been elected at a previous meeting to succeed H. A. Titze resigned.

The truancy question came up last night and the committee appointed to meet with the city council reported that the matter has been referred to the mayor. It was decided that no further action would be taken until the next meeting.

President Hagberg last night named the standing committees for the ensuing year as follows:

Buildings, grounds and repairs—Storm, Johnson and Halladay.
Finance, claims, and insurance—Preston, Storm and Johnson.
Fuel, printing and supplies—Mahlum, Keene and Groves.

Text books, courses of study and library—Groves, Dickenson and Keene.

Teachers, janitors and salaries—Dickenson, Erickson and Mahlum.

GEORGE KEOGH STRICKEN.

Well Known Resident of Crow Wing
County Has a Stroke of Apoplexy
Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon George Keogh, formerly a resident of this city, but who now lives on a farm two miles east, was suddenly stricken with apoplexy and during all the afternoon and through the night his life was despaired of.

He is no better today and the physicians give but little hope for his ultimate recovery.

Everybody should buy cloaks, furs, walking skirts, undershirts, etc., at Moberg's.

Our gold enamel for decorative gilding is washable. Losey & Dean.

MISS MARY GALLUP DEAD.

Information Received in the City Convey-
ing the Sad Intelligence Last
Night—Well Known Here.

The sad news was received in the city last night by Mrs. W. H. Bondy, conveying the intelligence of the death of the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gallup, at Livingston, Mont. Her name was Mary Gallup and she was in her seventeenth year. She had been a sufferer from that dreaded disease, consumption, and the family moved west sometime ago hoping that the change of climate might prolong her life.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gallup in this city extend sympathy.

Bibles, testaments, hymnals and Episcopal and Catholic prayer books at H. P. Dunn & Co's.

See our stock. No charge at Losey & Dean.

DEATH'S GRIM READER.

Elmer Stevens, Died Last Night at St
Joseph's Hospital—Torger
Kleppens' Death.

Elmer Stevens died last night at 10 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital after a sickness of several days. He lived at Bemidji and was brought down to this city on Monday suffering from a severe case of erysipelas. He was taken to the hospital and has had the best of medical attention. Yesterday, however, the young man was taken very sick, with brain fever and he expired about 10 o'clock last night.

This morning two brothers, Edward and John Stevens, arrived in the city from St. Cloud and took charge of the remains. They will be taken to St. Cloud tonight for burial.

Deceased was a bartender and had been a resident of Bemidji for some time.

Night before last Torger Kleppens, who has been employed with the M. & L. for about six years as car foreman, died at his home seven miles east of the city. He was fifty years of age and has lived in Crow Wing county for years. He leaves a wife and several small children.

A few De Koven Messotints. Such exquisite coloring rarely seen.

MARIE A. CANAN'S

ASTUTE TRICKSTER CLEVERLY CORRALED

Stole A Quantity of Clothes from
Clothing Store in a Novel
Manner.

CARLSON WAS THE CAPTOR

Sneak Thief Hides Behind A Table
and Makes Exit After
Store is Closed.

John Carlson, of the firm of Linneman & Carlson, the Front street clothiers, should apply for a position as a plain clothes-man on the police force of some large city or else "get on" with Pinkerton and make the running down of criminals a life avocation.

He boarded a train last night, went down to Staples and succeeded in finding the man who stole some clothing from his store in this city the night before. The work was done so smoothly that the most successful criminal might learn a lesson by the experience.

It seems that night before last about 11 o'clock Officer Hurley found one of the doors of the store open and he went at once and notified Henry Linneman of the fact. Mr. Linneman came down and at the time the door having been left open was a mystery. Yesterday the more Messrs. Linneman and Carlson thought over the matter the more they thought that there was something wrong, but of course worth a stock like the one being carried by this firm it would be hard to tell whether anything was taken off or not. Finally Mr. Carlson remembered seeing a suspicious looking fellow in the store in the afternoon, who claimed he wanted to buy a mackintosh. A certain coat which he had on, but which he did not buy, was found to be missing yesterday and the problem seemed part way solved.

A GENUINE BARGAIN.

A cozy four room cottage on large lot, well located on good street, can be bought for \$550.00, Fifty dollars cash, balance payable in monthly payments of only \$7.10. House would rent for \$8.00 per month anytime, this is a snap for someone. For further particulars see P. B. NETTLETON, Palace Hotel, City.

MONEY TO LOAN.

It transpired since that the man after being in the store for a time in the afternoon hid under a table and staid there for hours, waiting until the store was closed up at night.

Mr. Carlson studied over the matter considerable and finally decided that the man might have taken the 12 o'clock train out and he decided to go as far as Staples to investigate. He spent most of yesterday afternoon there and looked over the town quite thoroughly with the assistance of the police, but could not locate his man. Last night about 11 o'clock he went to the depot, having given up the job. He was standing in the depot waiting for the train and finally spied a man laying on a bench in the corner of the room. He went over and recognized the man asleep as the one who had been in his store in the afternoon trying on the mackintosh coat. He woke him up and inquired of him if the grip which was on the seat near him was not his. The young man answered that it was not. Mr. Carlson took the liberty, however, to open it and not only found the mackintosh, but some \$40 worth of other clothing which the boy had taken. Mr. Carlson called a policeman and the young man was placed under arrest. He was brought to this city last night and locked up.

The young man gave his name as Earl Smith and claims that his home was at Sauk Rapids. He does not have much to say regarding the matter but denies that the clothing was taken by him.

Remember all the closing out and buying out of business concerns don't show the new goods. We have them and just as cheap. We are prepared as never before. All kinds of Xmas gifts at Moberg's.

On the table of bargains at Westfall & Georgeson's you will find suitable gifts for old or young, and at prices and goods that cannot be duplicated in the city. Come and see them.

Rare pieces of china ware at Swartz's drug store.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

SALE OF SEATS TOMMORROW.

There will be quite a large outside patronage for seats for the Royal Italian Band which will be at the Brainerd opera house Monday night. The advance sale opens tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at H. P. Dunn & Co's drug store. Those who desire seats, but who cannot reach the store can telephone and have the same reserved for them, but they must be called for before 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

ITALIAN BAND.

Channing Ellery's Royal Italian band, which comes to the Brainerd opera house next Monday evening, is known throughout the northwest as the Elks' band. It came about over the enthusiasm of the Elks' lodge at Spokane, Washington, where the band played fifteen days at the annual carnival given by the lodge. So greatly were the antlered gentlemen pleased that they adopted the organization. They worked hard in an endeavor to get Mr. Ellery to change the band's American headquarters from Philadelphia to Spokane, but that was simply out of the question, being absolutely impossible, so the lodge did the next best thing and took the band for its protegee. A new bass drum was presented to the organization. On it was inscribed, "Royal Purple Band, No. 228" and from then it would have been worth the life of the bass drummer to have used any other drum. The men were banqueted times without number, and in the language of the boys, they owned the town. Nothing was too good for them after the opening concert. Signore Creatore, director of the band, had a feeling of reciprocity and to show his appreciation of all that the lodge had done, he dedicated his latest march to it, entitling it, "The Royal Purple." It is a very catchy piece on the order of the Italian military marches and has a dash and swing

IF YOU WANT TO

KNOW

What kind of goods we display and offer Holiday Shoppers, read the following list;

The most complete stock of Up-to-Date Furs, Collars, Scarfs, Collarettes, Muffs, Capes, Jackets. Children's Sets, etc., etc.

A Special line of Dress Goods at Bottom Figure.

A Grand assortment of Linens, Napkins, Table Cloths, Table Linen, Towels, Tidies, etc.

A fine assortment of Cloaks, Jackets and Capes.

A Good stock of Children's Jackets and long Cloaks.

The best assortment of Ladies' Kid Gloves in the city.

The largest stock of

HANDKERCHIEFS.

of all kinds we have ever displayed.

Handkerchiefs at \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 50c, 25c, 10c, 5c and 1c.

Don't miss this splendid stock of always acceptable goods for Holiday remembrances.

Shoes for Children, Misses, Ladies, Men's and Boys as well as Babies.

This stock of shoes is as complete in variety, value and worth as can be wished for. Prices are low which goes without saying.

Our stock of Neckwear, Ribbons, Laces, Hosiery etc., etc., is complete.

Ladies' wishing to make selections of

Gents' Furnishing Goods

Would consult their best interests by looking over our stock.

YOU KNOW what we are doing in our Clothing Stock.

We'll just repeat, We offer all of our clothing Stock, Boys' Men's and Children's at actual COST. Think this all over and give us a call.

We will give you the Glad Hand.

HENRY I. COHEN,

610 Front Street.

WANTS THE COIN BACK.

The Lion Clothing Company People do not
Think they Ought to be "Bun-
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Yesterday afternoon the manager of the Lion Clothing Company made a demand from City Clerk Low for the \$45 which he had paid in to the city treasurer for conducting an auction in the city, but the genial city clerk told him to "go away back and sit down;" that he did not have the money at all.

It seems that this company has determined to fight the proposition and get back the money they have already paid in for the purpose of securing a license. An attorney in the Twin cities has been consulted and it is understood that it is on his recommendation that the proceedings are being made.

There is no recourse now, it is thought, as the city council could not have prevented the company from going ahead and conducting an auction, since the license was granted, providing they paid their \$10 each day. They did not put up the \$10 Tuesday and it is now claimed that the license went by default.

50 doz. men's swell holiday neckwear, put up one in a box, on sale at same prices you pay for old out of style goods. Price only 19, 25, and 50 cents at Moberg's.

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Coal stove for sale cheap. Enquire at 807 So. 6th St. 3t

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Stationery and art pleases the eye and makes the home beautiful. No need to be undecided. Call to see them and get prices at Moberg's.

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“At noon of the same day, after my pupils were dismissed, Superintendent Torrens came to my class room and charged me with being late in the morning. Believing that I had reached the building at half-past eight in the morning, I then quietly but definitely defended myself from the charge. Then Superintendent Torrens, in a loud voice, in an excited, threatening manner and with insulting language accused me of having no energy or enthusiasm for my work, of making untruthful statements and of jumping like a jack rabbit, and told me if I did not like it I could enter a complaint to the board, and that I could quit and that we would part, and other like expressions. His manner, conduct and language were so violent, threatening and insulting that I was greatly distressed, shocked and frightened. Any possible repetition of such a scene would be simply unendurable.

“It might seem best to give in detail all the conversation and remarks made on the occasion, but I fear to trespass on your time and patience.

“I have been a teacher in the public schools of Brainerd more than seven years. During that period I have taught under three other superintendents, none of whom ever offered to me any adverse criticism of my teaching. Superintendent Torrens never before offered to me any adverse criticism of my teaching, but has sometimes praised the work.

“I know that I am subject to proper criticism, and I could never resent any proper criticism, but when I meet improper criticism, unjustifiable accusations and insults from a superintendent, I must come to this honorable board for protection, for justice.

“I know you will appreciate the fact that nothing but unavoidable recognition of my duty could impel me to take this step.

“This matter is submitted to you in the full trust that the same will receive your official attention and to the end that all your teachers may continue their work without unnecessary distress and without personal fears.” Respectfully,

ELIZABETH M. SOMERS.
There was also a delegation of business men consisting of Dr. W. Hemstead, M. J. Reilly and J. W. Koop, who had come to ask the board that the above communication be given all possible consideration. Dr. Hemstead made a statement to the board that the committee did not come be-

lieving that the board would not give the matter their closest consideration, but they felt that it was a matter of great importance and they should ferret out the facts in the case.

On motion of Secretary Mahlum the matter was referred to a committee of five to be named by President Hagberg. The chair appointed the following committee, which was instructed to report on the matter at the next regular meeting of the council: Messrs. Dickenson, Erickson, Mahlum, Johnson and Groves.

Dan Halladay qualified as a member of the board, he having been elected at a previous meeting to succeed H. A. Titze resigned.

The truancy question came up last night and the committee appointed to meet with the city council reported that the matter has been referred to the mayor. It was decided that no further action would be taken until the next meeting.

President Hagberg last night named the standing committees for the ensuing year as follows:

Buildings, grounds and repairs—Storm, Johnson and Halladay.

Finance, claims, and insurance—Preston, Storm and Johnson.

Fuel, printing and supplies—Mahlum, Keene and Groves.

Text books, courses of study and library—Groves, Dickenson and Keene.

Teachers, janitors and salaries—Dickenson, Erickson and Mahlum.

GEORGE KEOGH STRICKEN.

Well Known Resident of Crow Wing
County Has a Stroke of Apoplexy

Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon George Keogh, formerly a resident of this city, but who now lives on a farm two miles east, was suddenly stricken with apoplexy and during all the afternoon and through the night his life was despaired of.

He is no better today and the physicians give but little hope for his ultimate recovery.

Everybody should buy cloaks, furs, walking skirts, undershirts, etc., at Moberg's.

Our gold enamel for decorative gilding is washable. Losey & Dean.

MISS MARY GALLUP DEAD.

Information Received in the City Convey-
ing the Sad Intelligence Last
Night—Well Known Here.

The sad news was received in the city last night by Mrs. W. H. Bondy, conveying the intelligence of the death of the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gallup, at Livingston, Mont. Her name was Mary Gallup and she was in her seventeenth year. She had been a sufferer from that dreaded disease, consumption, and the family moved west sometime ago hoping that the change of climate might prolong her life.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gallup in this city extend sympathy.

Bibles, testaments, hymnals and Episcopal and Catholic prayer books at H. P. Dunn & Co's.

See our stock. No charge at Losey & Dean.

DEATH'S GRIM READER.

Elmer Stevens, Died Last Night at St
Joseph's Hospital—Torger
Kleppens' Death.

Elmer Stevens died last night at 10 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital after a sickness of several days. He lived at Bemidji and was brought down to this city on Monday suffering from a severe case of erysipelas. He was taken to the hospital and has had the best of medical attention. Yesterday, however, the young man was taken very sick, with brain fever and he expired about 10 o'clock last night.

This morning two brothers, Edward and John Stevens, arrived in the city from St. Cloud and took charge of the remains. They will be taken to St. Cloud tonight for burial.

Deceased was a bartender and had been a resident of Bemidji for some time.

Night before last Torger Kleppens, who has been employed with the M. & L., for about six years as car formen, died at his home seven miles east of the city. He was fifty years of age and has lived in Crow Wing county for years. He leaves a wife and several small children.

A few De Koven Messotints. Such exquisite coloring rarely seen.

MARIE A. CANAN'S

ASTUTE TRICKSTER CLEVERLY CORRALED

Stole A Quantity of Clothes from
Clothing Store in a Novel
Manner.

CARLSON WAS THE CAPTOR

Sneak Thief Hides Behind A Table
and Makes Exit After
Store is Closed.

John Carlson, of the firm of Linneman & Carlson, the front street clothiers, should apply for a position as a plain-clothes-man on the police force of some large city or else "get on" with Pinkerton and make the running down of criminals a life avocation.

He boarded a train last night, went down to Staples and succeeded in finding the man who stole some clothing from his store in this city the night before. The work was done so smoothly that the most successful criminal might learn a lesson by the experience.

It seems that night before last about 11 o'clock Officer Hurley found one of the doors of the store open and he went at once and notified Henry Linneman of the fact. Mr. Linneman came down and at the time the door having been left open was a mystery. Yesterday the more Messrs. Linneman and Carlson thought over the matter the more they thought that there was something wrong, but of course worth a stock like the one being carried by this firm it would be hard to tell whether anything was taken off or not. Finally Mr. Carlson remembered seeing a suspicious looking fellow in the store in the afternoon, who claimed he wanted to buy a mackintosh. A certain coat which he had on, but which he did not buy, was found to be missing yesterday and the problem seemed part way solved.

A GENUINE BARGAIN.

A cozy four room cottage on large lot, well located on good street, can be bought for \$550.00. Fifty dollars cash, balance payable in monthly payments of only \$7.10. House would rent for \$8.00 per month anytime, this is a snap for someone. For further particulars see P. B. NETTLETON, Palace Hotel, City.

MONEY TO LOAN.

It transpired since that the man after being in the store for a time in the afternoon hid under a table and staid there for hours, waiting until the store was closed up at night.

Mr. Carlson studied over the matter considerable and finally decided that the man might have taken the 12 o'clock train out and he decided to go as far as Staples to investigate. He spent most of yesterday afternoon there and looked over the town quite thoroughly with the assistance of the police, but could not locate his man. Last night about 11 o'clock he went to the depot, having given up the job. He was standing in the depot waiting for the train and finally spied a man laying on a bench in the corner of the room. He went over and recognized the man asleep as the one who had been in his store in the afternoon trying on the mackintosh coat. He woke him up and inquired of him if the grip which was on the seat near him was not his. The young man answered that it was not. Mr. Carlson took the liberty, however, to open it and not only found the mackintosh, but some \$40 worth of other clothing which the boy had taken. Mr. Carlson called a policeman and the young man was placed under arrest. He was brought to this city last night and locked up.

The young man gave his name as Earl Smith and claims that his home was at Sauk Rapids. He does not have much to say regarding the matter but denies that the clothing was taken by him.

Remember all the closing out and buying out of business concerns don't show the new goods. We have them and just as cheap. We are prepared as never before. All kinds of Xmas gifts at Moberg's.

On the table of bargains at Westfall & Georgeson's you will find suitable gifts for old or young, and at prices and goods that cannot be duplicated in the city. Come and see them.

Rare pieces of china ware at Swartz's drug store.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

SALE OF SEATS TOMMORROW.

There will be quite a large outside patronage for seats for the Royal Italian Band which will be at the Brainerd opera house Monday night.

The advance sale opens tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at H. P. Dunn & Co's drug store. Those who desire seats, but who cannot reach the store can telephone and have the same reserved for them, but they must be called for before 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

ITALIAN BAND.

Channing Ellery's Royal Italian band, which comes to the Brainerd opera house next Monday evening, is known throughout the northwest as the Elks' band. It came about over the enthusiasm of the Elks' lodge at Spokane, Washington, where the band played fifteen days at the annual carnival given by the lodge. So greatly were the antlered gentlemen pleased that they adopted the organization. They worked hard in an endeavor to get Mr. Ellery to change the band's American headquarters from Philadelphia to Spokane, but that was simply out of the question, being absolutely impossible, so the lodge did the next best thing and took the band for its protegee. A new bass drum was presented to the organization. On it was inscribed, "Royal Purple Band, No. 228" and from then it would have been worth the life of the bass drummer to have used any other drum. The men were banqueted times without number, and in the language of the boys, they owned the town. Nothing was too good for them after the opening concert. Signore Creatore, director of the band, had a feeling of reciprocity and to show his appreciation of all that the lodge had done, he dedicated his latest march to it, entitling it, "The Royal Purple." It is a very catchy piece on the order of the Italian military marches and has a dash and swing

IF YOU WANT TO

KNOW

What kind of goods we display and offer Holiday Shoppers, read the following list:

The most complete stock of Up-to-Date Furs, Collars, Scarfs, Collarettes, Muffs, Capes, Jackets. Children's Sets, etc., etc.

A Special line of Dress Goods at Bottom Figure.

A Grand assortment of Linens, Napkins, Table Cloths, Table Linen, Towels, Tidies, etc.

A fine assortment of Cloaks, Jackets and Capes.

A Good stock of Children's Jackets and long Cloaks.

The best assortment of Ladies' Kid Gloves in the city.

The largest stock of HANDKERCHIEFS.

of all kinds we have ever displayed.

Handkerchiefs at \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 50c, 25c, 10c, 5c and 1c.

Don't miss this splendid stock of always acceptable goods for Holiday remembrances.

Shoes for Children, Misses, Ladies, Men's and Boys as well as Babies.

This stock of shoes is as complete in variety, value and worth as can be wished for. Prices are low which goes without saying.

Our stock of Neckwear, Ribbons, Laces, Hosiery etc., etc., is complete.

Ladies' wishing to make selections of

Gents' Furnishing Goods

Would consult their best interests by looking over our stock.

YOU KNOW what we are doing in our Clothing Stock.

We'll just repeat, We offer all of our clothing Stock, Boys' Men's and Children's at actual COST. Think this all over and give us a call.

We will give you the Glad Hand.

HENRY I. COHEN,

610 Front Street.

WANTS THE COIN BACK.

The Lion Clothing Company People do not
Think they Ought to be "Bun-
coed" Out of Cold Cash.

Yesterday afternoon the manager of the Lion Clothing Company made a demand from City Clerk Low for the \$45 which he had paid in to the city treasurer for conducting an auction in the city, but the genial city clerk told him to "go away back and sit down;" that he did not have the money at all.

It seems that this company has determined to fight the proposition and get back the money they have already paid in for the purpose of securing a license. An attorney in the Twin cities has been consulted and it is understood that it is on his recommendation that the proceedings are being made.

There is no recourse now, it is thought, as the city council could not have prevented the company from going ahead and conducting an auction, since the license was granted, providing they paid their \$10 each day. They did not put up the \$10 Tuesday and it is now claimed that the license went by default.

50 doz. men's swell holiday neckwear, put up one in a box, on sale at same prices you pay for old out of style goods. Price only 19, 25, and 50 cents at Moberg's.

Remember that every suit and over coat can be bought at actual cost price at Linneman & Carlson.

Coal stove for sale cheap. Enquire at 807 So. 6th St.

HON. ALEXANDER MOORE DEAD.

One of the Most Prominent Residents of
Sauk Centre Passes Away
This Morning.

This morning about 8 o'clock Hon. Alexander Moore one of the most prominent residents of Sauk Centre died after a brief illness, in his seventy-eighth year.

He was a very prominent figure for years in Hennepin county and is well-known throughout the state.

Rich cut glass, the finest patterns of Libby's at Swartz's.

Stationery and art pleases the eye and makes the home beautiful. No need to be undecided. Call to see them and get prices at Moberg's.

Do you want to buy a range? Old stoves taken as part payment, see D. M. Clark & Co.

You need not go to Buffalo to see the grand illumination. Call at the "Circle Front."

Do you want a trunk? Call on D. M. Clark & Co.

Copies of the old masters faithfully reproduced are among the attractions at Marie A. Canan's studio.

1 doz. nice photos such as come from Marie A. Canan's studio make an acceptable Xmas gift.

Children's story and picture book at H. P. Dunn & Co's.

Candy
Till you can't rest. Come and see it.
MAHONEY. tf



WELL ! WELL !



"What Do You Think of It?"

Our Store is crowded daily with anxious buyers from far and near. Why is it? Because we are the undisputed lowest priced store in the city. Thousands have proved this by making our store the busiest in town. Would-be competitors would not dare make the merciless slaughter of prices in all departments that we have done.

We Want the Money ! We Are Getting It !

Will continue to do so if the GREATEST SLAUGHTER of prices in Clothing. Dry Goods, Furnishing Goods and Shoes ever made will do it.

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Brotherliness in Brockton.

Here is a story told by Professor Barrett Wendell about Dr. William Everett: The latter was going out to Brockton one night to deliver an address and ran across Mr. Wendell in the Old Park square station. "Come along, Wendell," he said. "I am going out to Brockton to speak, and I want some one respectable to sit on the platform with me." So the professor went along.

When Everett arose to speak, the hall, which was a large one, was only passably well filled, and even the comparatively small number present began to grow smaller as one by one people slipped away. Mr. Wendell began to think that Brockton must be a singularly cold hearted place when suddenly he noticed people coming in by twos and threes and silently taking seats wherever they could find them. Soon the hall was full, with standing room only, but still they came till the aisles and walls were lined with interested listeners.

The supposed deserters had simply gone out and told the people of Brockton that here was the greatest man they'd ever heard and gathered them in by the score.—Boston Herald.

Won by His Wit.

A story is told of an English clergyman who owed his appointment to a rich living to a lucky pun. He was tutor to the son of a nobleman and had not long taken orders when he attended the funeral of the rector of the parish in which the nobleman's seat was situated.

The father of his pupil was patron of the living and was also present at the funeral of the deceased rector. There was a young clergyman present also whose grief was so demonstrative that the noble patron was much affected by the sight and asked if the young man was a son of the deceased gentleman.

"Oh, dear, no, my lord—no relation at all," said the tutor.

"No relation?" exclaimed the nobleman in a surprised tone.

"None, my lord; he is the curate, and I think he is not weeping for the dead, but for the living."

His lordship, who was something of a wit and a cynic himself, was so delighted with the bonnet that he conferred the living upon the ready punster.

How They Do in China.

In China liquids are sold by weight and grain by measure. John buys soup by the pound and cloth by the foot. A Chinaman never puts his name outside of his shop, but paints instead a motto or a list of his goods on his vertical signboard. Some reassuring remark is frequently added, such as "One word hall." "A child two feet high would not be cheated." Every single article has to be bargained for, and it is usual for the customer to take his own measure and scales with him.

When you engage a servant or make a bargain, it is not considered binding until "the fastening penny" has been paid. Although his bad faith is notori-

ous in some matters, yet, to do him justice, when once this coin has been paid by you he Chinaman, coolly or shopman will generally stick to his bargain even if the result to him be loss.

Cigars Are Rights and Lefts.

"It is not always because a cigar is badly made that the wrapper curls up and works off," said a tobacco dealer. "It is often because a right handed man is smoking a left handed cigar. Sounds strange, hey? Well, a left handed cigar is one rolled by the maker's left hand, for all cigar makers must be ambidexterous. A piece of tobacco for a wrapper is cut on the bias and is rolled from left to right on the filler. The other piece, for reasons of economy, is then used and must be rolled the opposite way by the operator's other hand. Hence a smoker who holds his cigar in his right hand sometimes in twisting it about rubs the wrapper the wrong way and unloosens it."—Philadelphia Times.

The Fishing Otter.

The otter used by Scottish poachers is one of the most deadly fishing instruments known. In some waters it is far more effective than a net. It may be described as a water kite, which serves to take out over the water a line bearing 50 or more flies. The otter itself is a floating piece of board headed along one edge to keep it upright. The poacher walks along the side of loch or river, letting out the fly decorated line as he goes, the otter board gradually working out toward the center. An enormous area of water is fished at one time and numbers of fish are killed.

An Awakener.

A preacher, raising his eyes from his desk in the midst of his sermon, was paralyzed with amazement to see his rude son in the gallery pelting the hearers in the pews below with horse chestnuts. But while the good man was preparing a frown of reproof the young hopeful cried out:

"You 'tend to your preaching, daddy. I'll keep 'em awake."

A Light Repast.

Hungry Horace—Kind lady, can't ye gimme somepin ter eat? I ain't ate nothin' sence day before yesterday.

Kind Lady—And what did you eat then?

Hungry Horace—Nothin' but de mar-lot report in an old paper.—Baltimore American.

The Candid Suburbanite.

"I suppose people around here raise their own vegetables?"

"Some do; others merely plant them."—Puck.

It may be that you haven't more trouble than others, but that you have more time to think about it.—Athenian Globe.

Mind is that which perceives, feels, remembers, acts and is conscious of continued existence.

Death Gulch.

A ravine in the northeast corner of Yellowstone National park, in Wyoming, is known by those living near by as Death gulch. Grewsome as is the name, it is exceedingly appropriate. It is a V shaped trench cut in the mountainside and begins about 250 feet above Cache creek. Apparently it forms a natural shelter for the beasts of the forest, as food, water and shelter are there, but entrance to the gulch means death to any animal, for the poisonous vapors that rise out of the ravine are more deadly than the bullets of the huntsmen.

For ages this death trap in the Rocky mountains has probably been luring the inhabitants of the forest to their doom. With the rains of spring the bones of the dead of the preceding year are carried down to the creek and the gulch cleared for the death harvest of the summer and winter.

The geologists say that the lavas which fill the ancient basin of the park at this place rest upon the flanks of mountains formed of fragmentary volcanic ejects. Gaseous emanations are given out in great volume. These come, the scientists say, from deposits of altered and crystalline travertine mixed with pools in the creek. Above these deposits the creek cuts into a bank of sulphur. In the bottom of the gully is a small stream sour with sulphuric acid.

No wonder the poor animals seeking shelter in the gulch meet death there.

A Curious Trap.

A curious labyrinth in which elephants are captured alive is to be seen near Ayuthia, formerly the capital of Siam. The labyrinth is formed of a double row of immense tree trunks set firmly in the ground, the space between them gradually narrowing.

Where it begins, at the edge of the forest, the opening of the labyrinth is more than a mile wide, but as it approaches Ayuthia it becomes so narrow that the elephants cannot turn around.

Suspecting no danger the wild elephant enters the broad opening at the forest end, lured on by a tame elephant. The gradual narrowing of the boundaries is not observed until the elephant finds himself in close quarters.

Having reached the end of the labyrinth, the tame elephant is allowed to pass through a gate, while men lying in wait slip shackles over the feet of the captives. The sport is a dangerous one, for the enraged elephants sometimes crush the hunters under their feet.

Alphabetical Abuse.

The prosecuting attorney in a lawsuit had waxed especially indignant at the defendant, whom he characterized as an "abandoned, baneful, cynical, diabolic, execrable, felonious, greedy, hateful, irresponsible, jaundiced, knavish, lazy, meddlesome, noxious, outrageous and prodigal rowdy."

"The learned counsel on the other side," said the attorney for the defendant when he rose to reply, "should

have put his adjectives in a hat and shaken them up a little before using. You must have noticed, gentlemen of the jury, that they were in regular alphabetical order. This shows that he selected them from a dictionary, beginning with 'a.' He stopped at 'p,' but in his manner of reproducing them he has given us the 'cue' as to how he got them."

This turned the laugh against the other lawyer, and he lost the case.

A Bright Jury.

In a larceny case in Maine it was agreed to go on with only 11 men on the jury. The trial lasted several hours, and then the jury retired to deliberate upon the evidence and find a verdict. After being out four hours the jury reported that it could not agree, and accordingly it was discharged from further duty in the case, and the prisoner was remanded to the jail. A little later the attorneys for the respondent "got at" one of the jurymen and asked him how the vote stood in the jury room.

"Well," said he, "we balloted about 20 times, and each time there were 11 votes for conviction, but at no time could we get 12 votes for conviction, so we had to report a disagreement."

A Bit of Bowery Dialogue.

This gem of metropolitan English is vouched for by the New York correspondent of the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette:

I heard this bit of dialogue between two Bowery hoodlums the other day: Said one as he pointed to his shiny black trousers: "Oh, Chimmy, howcher like me blacks?"

"All right," was the response, "but dey ain't ez good ez yer lightest."

"G'wan, yer guy; git wise. Dese is dese, only I had 'em dyed."

And then they got aboard a car.

How to Quit Chewing Tobacco.

The "substitute cure" is worthy of the attention of sufferers. We have a citizen of Mobil, who has tried it. He was an inveterate chewer of tobacco. He stopped chewing and took to chewing a pine stick. He always has this bit of wood between his teeth, in waking hours at least. He has not tasted tobacco in many years.—Mobile Register.

Unavoidable.

"Why do you wander aimlessly from place to place?" inquired the philanthropist.

"Well," answered Meandering Mike, "eight hours' sleep a day is enough for anybody. And we's gorter do somethin' wit' de other 16 hours, ain't we?"—Washington Star.

Explained.

Customer—Walter, it is nearly half an hour since I ordered that turtle soup.

Walter—Sorry, sir, but you know how slow turtles are, sir.

Polliteness is like an air cushion—there may be nothing in it, but it causes many a hard jolt.—Chicago News.

Simple and Effective, but Costly.

"When I came to town, I noticed a little, round swelling on my wrist, said a visitor from the country. 'It bothered me, and one day when I saw a sign, 'Dr. John Doe,' I thought I'd go in and have it looked at. Well, I was shown into a fine room, and in a minute a pleasant looking man came in. "'Dr. Doe?' I says and held up my wrist."

"'Ah, a weeping sinew,' says he, as if he'd been waiting years for a chance to study a case like mine."

"I didn't say anything, but kept my wrist out with the hand hanging limp, while he took down a book from the shelf. I expected him to turn over the pages and look up my trouble under S or W and then prescribe something. Instead he gave me a crack on the wrist like a thousand of brick! It was right on the swelling and hurt like a cannon ball. I jumped high in the air and yelled."

"Your weeping sinew's gone," says the doctor quietly. "Three dollars."

"I was too much surprised to say a word, and I paid it. But no wonder your city doctors get rich. Three dollars! Any blacksmith would have done that job for the fun of doing it."—New York Post.

Strange Hiding Places.

There are standing at the present day Elizabethan houses known to contain hidden chambers. The very positions of these chambers can be shown, yet their secrets have remained inviolate for centuries, the spring that should serve as the open sesame being undiscoverable. Some day the accidental touch of a girl's finger may set a column of stone rotating or a panel sliding or a door in a picture frame retreating on invisible hinges, and the secret—if any remain—will be revealed.

The place of mystery in these ancient granges that served as shelter to a friend in distress might equally prove the death of an enemy of the house. The priest's hole behind a fireplace was easily converted into an oven. There were staircases which the foot of a friend might press in perfect security. Another, not instructed how to tread, sets his foot apparently on the same place, the stair yawns open, and at the end of the pit is the water. Here is much romance.—London Chronicle.

Pipe Smoking.

There are many pipe smokers who do not know how to get the best there is out of their indulgence. The great point in pipe smoking is to smoke slowly. Nervous smokers smoke too rapidly and burn their tongues with hot smoke, besides failing entirely to get the fullest and best flavor out of the tobacco. It is all a matter of habit, but slow smoking is a habit which it is hard for some people to acquire. In some cases pipe smokers have tried for years to check their smoking speed without success. They began too late, and the habit of rapid smoking is shaken off with difficulty when it is once acquired.

Rapid smoking is as bad as rapid eating—or worse. It is also "bad form."

Whether it is cigar, pipe or cigarette, the smoking should be deliberate in order to get the fullest enjoyment. It is especially so with a pipe.—New York Press.

Hypnotic Influence.

Buyer—Look here, you! You said this horse was sound and kind and free from tricks. The first day I drove him he fell down a dozen times, and he's as bad today.

Dealer—Um—you've been wondering if I cheated you, maybe?

"Yes, I have."

"And the first time you drove the boss you wondered if he hadn't some tricks, didn't you?"

"Of course."

"And you kept saying to yourself, 'I wonder if that there boss will tumble down,' eh?"

"Probably."

"And you had your mind on it a good deal, most like?"

"That's true."

"That's wot's the matter. You've hypnotized him. See?"

On a Russian Railway Train.

Toilet arrangements such as satisfy the Russian are at his disposal in first and second class trains, but the third class passengers have no such luxuries. When the train halts for the breakfast interval, those who travel third class may be seen performing their ablutions at the platform tap. They fill a can like a gardener's watering pot, suck through the spout a mouthful of the water, spit it into the hollowed palms and then rub their faces. It is a disgusting process, performed without soap or towel, and, though it may be amusing to the onlooker, it is not very cleansing to the operator. Yet this is the method of ablution adopted by the poorer Russian on his travels.—Chambers' Journal.

The Editor Won.

A London paper described a children's excursion as a "long, white scream of joy," and was called to account by a correspondent, who said that a scream could be long, but not white, whereupon the editor justified himself by urging that "a sue is often associated with a cry."

Need Not Feel Lonesome.

Rubberton—May I inquire what your business is, stranger?

Stranger (haughtily)—Sir, I'm a gentleman.

Rubberton—Well, I reckon that's a good business, stranger; but you're not the only man that's failed at it.—Chicago News.

A Follower.

Caller—The minister's son is following in the footsteps of that spendthrift young Jinks.

Miss Prim—Isn't that scandalous?

Caller—Hardly as bad as that. You see, he's a tailor and is just trying to collect his bill.—Chelsea Gazette.



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Brotherliness in Brockton.

Here is a story told by Professor Barrett Wendell about Dr. William Everett: The latter was going out to Brockton one night to deliver an address and ran across Mr. Wendell in the Old Park square station. "Come along, Wendell," he said, "I am going out to Brockton to speak, and I want some one respectable to sit on the platform with me." So the professor went along.

When Everett arose to speak, the hall, which was a large one, was only passably well filled, and even the comparatively small number present began to grow smaller as one by one people slipped away. Mr. Wendell began to think that Brockton must be a singularly cold hearted place when suddenly he noticed people coming in by twos and threes and silently taking seats wherever they could find them. Soon the hall was full, with standing room only, but still they came till the aisles and walls were lined with interested listeners.

The supposed deserters had simply gone out and told the people of Brockton that here was the greatest man they'd ever heard and gathered them in by the score.—Boston Herald.

Won by His Wit.

A story is told of an English clergyman who owed his appointment to a rich living to a lucky pun. He was tutor to the son of a nobleman and had not long taken orders when he attended the funeral of the rector of the parish in which the nobleman's seat was situated.

The father of his pupil was patron of the living and was also present at the funeral of the deceased rector. There was a young clergyman present also whose grief was so demonstrative that the noble patron was much affected by the sight and asked if the young man was a son of the deceased gentleman.

"Oh, dear, no, my lord—no relation at all," said the tutor.

"No relation?" exclaimed the nobleman in a surprised tone.

"None, my lord; he is the curate, and I think he is not weeping for the dead, but for the living."

His lordship, who was something of a wit and a cynic himself, was so delighted with the bonnet that he conferred the living upon the ready punster.

How They Do In China.

In China liquids are sold by weight and grain by measure. John buys soup by the pound and cloth by the foot. A Chinaman never puts his name outside of his shop, but paints instead a motto or a list of his goods on his vertical signboard. Some reassuring remark is frequently added, such as "One word hall." "A child two feet high would not be cheated." Every single article has to be bargained for, and it is usual for the customer to take his own measure and scales with him.

When you engage a servant or make a bargain, it is not considered binding until "the fastening penny" has been paid. Although his bad faith is notori-

ous in some matters, yet, to do him justice, when once this coin has been paid by you he Chinaman, coolly or shopman will generally stick to his bargain even if the result to him be loss.

Cigars Are Rights and Lefts.

"It is not always because a cigar is badly made that the wrapper curls up and works off," said a tobacco dealer. "It is often because a right handed man is smoking a left handed cigar. Sounds strange, hey? Well, a left handed cigar is one rolled by the maker's left hand, for all cigar makers must be ambidexterous. A piece of tobacco for a wrapper is cut on the bias and is rolled from left to right on the filler. The other piece, for reasons of economy, is then used and must be rolled the opposite way by the operator's other hand. Hence a smoker who holds his cigar in his right hand sometimes in twisting it about rubs the wrapper the wrong way and unloosens it."—Philadelphia Times.

The Fishing Otter.

The otter used by Scottish poachers is one of the most deadly fishing instruments known. In some waters it is far more effective than a net. It may be described as a water kite, which serves to take out over the water a line bearing 50 or more flies. The otter itself is a floating piece of board leading along one edge to keep it upright. The poacher walks along the side of loch or river, letting out the fly decorated line as he goes, the otter board gradually working out toward the center. An enormous area of water is fished at one time and numbers of fish are killed.

An Awakener.

A preacher, raising his eyes from his desk in the midst of his sermon, was paralyzed with amazement to see his rude son in the gallery pelting the hearers in the pews below with horse chestnuts. But while the good man was preparing a frown of reproof the young hopeful cried out:

"You 'tend to your preaching, daddy. I'll keep 'em awake."

A Light Repast.

Hungry Horace—Kind lady, can't ye gimme somepin ter eat? I ain't ate nothin' since day before yesterday.

Kind Lady—And what did you eat then?

Hungry Horace—Nothin' but de mar-let report in an old paper.—Baltimore American.

The Candid Suburbanite.

"I suppose people around here raise their own vegetables?"

"Some do; others merely plant them."

—Puck.

It may be that you haven't more trouble than others, but that you have more time to think about it.—Athenian Globe.

Mind is that which perceives, feels, remembers, acts and is conscious of continued existence.

Death Gulch.

A ravine in the northeast corner of Yellowstone National park, in Wyoming, is known by those living near by as Death gulch. Grewsome as is the name, it is exceedingly appropriate. It is a V shaped trench cut in the mountainside and begins about 250 feet above Cache creek. Apparently it forms a natural shelter for the beasts of the forest, as food, water and shelter are there, but entrance to the gulch means death to any animal, for the poisonous vapors that rise out of the ravine are more deadly than the bullets of the huntsmen.

For ages this death trap in the Rocky mountains has probably been luring the inhabitants of the forest to their doom. With the rains of spring the bones of the dead of the preceding year are carried down to the creek and the gulch cleared for the death harvest of the summer and winter.

The geologists say that the lavas which fill the ancient basin of the park at this place rest upon the flanks of mountains formed of fragmentary volcanic ejects. Gaseous emanations are given out in great volume. These come, the scientists say, from deposits of altered and crystalline travertine mixed with pools in the creek. Above these deposits the creek cuts into a bank of sulphur. In the bottom of the gully is a small stream sour with sulphuric acid.

No wonder the poor animals seeking shelter in the gulch meet death there.

A Curious Trap.

A curious labyrinth in which elephants are captured alive is to be seen near Ayuthia, formerly the capital of Siam. The labyrinth is formed of a double row of immense tree trunks set firmly in the ground, the space between them gradually narrowing.

Where it begins, at the edge of the forest, the opening of the labyrinth is more than a mile wide, but as it approaches Ayuthia it becomes so narrow that the elephants cannot turn around.

Suspecting no danger the wild elephant enters the broad opening at the forest end, lured on by a tame elephant. The gradual narrowing of the boundaries is not observed until the elephant finds himself in close quarters.

Having reached the end of the labyrinth, the tame elephant is allowed to pass through a gate, while men lying in wait slip shackles over the feet of the captives. The sport is a dangerous one, for the enraged elephants sometimes crush the hunters under their feet.

Alphabetical Abuse.

The prosecuting attorney in a lawsuit had waxed especially indignant at the defendant, whom he characterized as an "abandoned, baneful, cynical, diabolic, execrable, felonious, greedy, hateful, irresponsible, jaundiced, knavish, lazy, meddlesome, noxious, outrageous and profligate rowdy."

"The learned counsel on the other side," said the attorney for the defendant when he rose to reply, "should

have put his adjectives in a hat and shaken them up a little before using. You must have noticed, gentlemen of the jury, that they were in regular alphabetical order. This shows that he selected them from a dictionary, beginning with 'a.' He stopped at 'p,' but in his manner of reproducing them he has given us the 'cue' as to how he got them."

This turned the laugh against the other lawyer, and he lost the case.

A Bright Jury.

In a larceny case in Maine it was agreed to go on with only 11 men on the jury. The trial lasted several hours, and then the jury retired to deliberate upon the evidence and find a verdict. After being out four hours the jury reported that it could not agree, and accordingly it was discharged from further duty in the case, and the prisoner was remanded to the jail. A little later the attorneys for the respondent "got at" one of the jurymen and asked him how the vote stood in the jury room.

"Well," said he, "we balloted about 20 times, and each time there were 11 votes for conviction, but at no time could we get 12 votes for conviction, so we had to report a disagreement."

A Bit of Bowers Dialogue.

This gem of metropolitan English is vouched for by the New York correspondent of the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette:

I heard this bit of dialogue between two Bowers hoodlums the other day: Said one as he pointed to his shiny black trousers: "Oh, Chimmy, howcher like me blacks?"

"All right," was the response, "but dey ain't ez good ez yer lightest."

"Gwan, yer guy; git wise. Dese is dese, only I had 'em dyed."

And then they got aboard a car.

How to Quit Chewing Tobacco.

The "substitute cure" is worthy of the attention of sufferers. We have a citizen of Mobile who has tried it. He was an inveterate chewer of tobacco. He stopped chewing and took to chewing a pine stick. He always has this bit of wood between his teeth, in waking hours at least. He has not tasted tobacco in many years.—Mobile Register.

Unavoidable.

"Why do you wander aimlessly from place to place?" inquired the philanthropist.

"Well," answered Meandering Mike, "eight hours' sleep a day is enough for anybody. And we's gotter do somet'ing wit' de other 16 hours, ain't we?"—Washington Star.

Explained.

Customer—Walter, it is nearly half an hour since I ordered that turtle soup.

Walter—Sorry, sir, but you know how slow turtles are, sir.

Polliteness is like an air cushion—there may be nothing in it, but it causes many a hard jolt.—Chicago News.

Simple and Effective, but Costly.

"When I came to town, I noticed a little, round swelling on my wrist," said a visitor from the country, "it bothered me, and one day when I saw a sign, 'Dr. John Doe,' I thought I'd go in and have it looked at. Well, I was shown into a fine room, and in a minute a pleasant looking man came in."

"Dr. Doe?" I says and held up my wrist.

"Ah, a weeping sinew," says he, as

if he'd been waiting years for a chance to study a case like mine.

"I didn't say anything, but kept my wrist out with the hand hanging limp, while he took down a book from the shelf. I expected him to turn over the pages and look up my trouble under S or W and then prescribe something. Instead he gave me a crack on the wrist like a thousand of brick! It was right on the swelling and hurt like a cannon ball. I jumped high in the air and yelled."

"Your weeping sinew's gone," says the doctor quietly. "Three dollars."

"I was too much surprised to say a word, and I paid it. But no wonder your city doctors get rich. Three dollars! Any blacksmith would have done that job for the fun of doing it."—New York Post.

Strange Hiding Places.

There are standing at the present day Elizabethan houses known to contain hidden chambers. The very positions of these chambers can be shown, yet their secrets have remained inviolate for centuries, the spring that should serve as the open sesame being undiscoverable. Some day the accidental touch of a girl's finger may set a column of stone rotating or a panel sliding or a door in a picture frame retreating on invisible hinges, and the secret—if any remain—will be revealed.

The place of mystery in these ancient granges that served as shelter to a friend in distress might equally prove the death of an enemy of the house. The priest's hole behind a fireplace was easily converted into an oven. There were staircases which the foot of a friend might press in perfect security. Another, not instructed how to tread, sets his foot apparently on the same place, the stair yawns open, and at the end of the pit is the water. Here is much romance.—London Chronicle.

Pipe Smoking.

There are many pipe smokers who do not know how to get the best there is out of their indulgence. The great point in pipe smoking is to smoke slowly. Nervous smokers smoke too rapidly and burn their tongues with hot smoke, besides failing entirely to get the fullest and best flavor out of the tobacco. It is all a matter of habit, but slow smoking is a habit which it is hard for some people to acquire. In some cases pipe smokers have tried for years to check their smoking speed without success. They began too late, and the habit of rapid smoking is shaken off with difficulty when it is once acquired. Rapid smoking is as bad as rapid eating—or worse. It is also "bad form."

Whether it is cigar, pipe or cigarette, the smoking should be deliberate in order to get the fullest enjoyment. It is especially so with a pipe.—New York Press.

Hypnotic Influence.

Buyer—Look here, you! You said this horse was sound and kind and free from tricks. The first day I drove him he fell down a dozen times, and he's as bad today.

Dealer—Um—you've been wondering if I cheated you, maybe?

"Yes, I have."

"And the first time you drove the boss you wondered if he hadn't some tricks, didn't you?"

"Of course."

"And you kept saying to yourself, 'I wonder if that there boss will tumble down,' eh?"

"Probably."

"And you had your mind on it a good deal, most like?"

"That's true."

"That's wot's the matter. You've hypnotized him. See?"

On a Russian Railway Train.

Toilet arrangements such as satisfy the Russian are at his disposal in first and second class trains, but the third class passengers have no such luxuries. When the train halts for the breakfast interval, those who travel third class may be seen performing their ablutions at the platform tap. They fill a can like a gardener's watering pot, suck through the spout a mouthful of the water, spit it into the hollowed palms and then rub their faces. It is a disgusting process, performed without soap or towel, and, though it may be amusing to the onlooker, it is not very cleansing to the operator. Yet this is the method of ablution adopted by the poorer Russian on his travels.—Chambers' Journal.

The Editor Won.

A London paper described a children's excursion as a "long, white scream of joy," and was called to account by a correspondent, who said that a scream could be long, but not white, whereupon the editor justified himself by urging that "a sue is often associated with a cry."

Need Not Feel Lonesome.

Rubberton—May I inquire what your business is, stranger?

Stranger (haughtily)—Sir, I'm a gentleman.

Rubberton—Well, I reckon that's a good business, stranger; but you're not the only man that's failed at it.—Chicago News.

A Follower.

Caller—The minister's son is following in the footsteps of that spendthrift young Jinks.

Miss Prim—Isn't that scandalous?

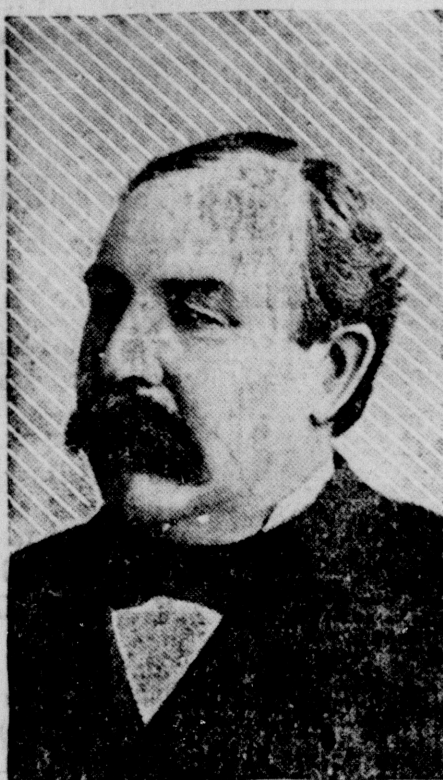
Caller—Hardly as bad as that. You see, he's a tailor and is just trying to collect his bill.—Chelsea Gazette.

A FIGHTING GOVERNOR.

Minnesota's Executive, Who Wants to Smash Railroad Combine.

Few fights against combines have aroused more interest in this country than the one now on in the northwestern states in opposition to the consolidation of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern and Burlington railroads. Governor Samuel R. Van Sant of Minnesota, who is leading the battle against the roads, says he has the support of a number of other governors. The affair promises to be fought to a finish and will be a bitter one while it lasts.

Governor Van Sant has an interesting career. He enlisted under President Lincoln's first call for 75,000 men, but was rejected on account of his age,



GOVERNOR S. R. VAN SANT.

being not quite seventeen. Again he failed and was rejected, but finally was accepted as a member of Company A, Ninth Illinois. Before he was allowed to go to war, however, he had to have a written permit from his father.

The governor was a great favorite not only in his own company, but throughout the regiment, and was in the thick of many famous battles. After the war he studied in New York city for some time and then went to Galesburg and graduated from Knox college. Soon after his graduation he went into business with his father at LaCaire, Ia., and they built one of the fast raft steamers on the Mississippi.

For a number of years Governor Van Sant was general manager of the Van Sant & Musser line of steamboats. He went to Winona, Minn., in 1883 and was closely identified with the city's best interests and actively assisted in all public enterprises. For two years he was in the council as alderman and was the unanimous nominee of the Republicans for the office of mayor of Winona in 1888. Later he was sent to the state legislature and in 1895 was speaker of the lower house. This is his last term as governor.

THE DES MOINES' SPONSOR

Miss Frances E. West, Who Was Selected to Christen New Warship.

The city of Des Moines, Ia., is not greatly pleased with the battleship that bears its name, but extremely proud of Miss Frances E. West, who was selected to christen it, for few American warships have had fairer sponsors than the new cruiser Des Moines.

Miss West is one of the belles of Des Moines and very handsome and accomplished. She is a musician of ability, and her family is one of the best known in that city. Her mother was a Miss Chase and was connected by ties of blood relationship with Chief Justice Chase and Prescott, the historian. The father of Miss West is a type of the successful business man and is very wealthy.

The Des Moines is a protected cruiser of 3,200 tons, with a speed of 16.5 knots an hour. She is armed with ten 5 inch guns, eight 6 pounders, two 1 pound-



MISS FRANCES E. WEST.

ers and two rapid firing Colts. She has twin screws and is of the same type as the Denver, Chattanooga, Galveston, Cleveland and Tacoma.

This is the second time an Iowa girl has been selected to christen an American warship. Miss Mary Lord Drake, daughter of Governor Drake, gave the Iowa her name when she was launched several years ago. Ever since her debut Miss West has been one of the leading society young women in Des Moines. She is a graduate of Vassar and has traveled widely in Europe.

IKE'S OXEN

How He Trained Them Nautically and What Happened In Consequence.

Among his neighbors Job Haines was considered a pretty fair sort of man. He had settled in a little town in the southern part of Kansas, where he lived as an immigrant from New Hampshire, and he brought his Yankee sharpness with him, but as he dealt fair and attended to his own business he passed. The only member of the family besides Job and his wife was Ike, a nephew whom Job had taken to bring up, as he had no children of his own. Ike was a typical New England boy about fifteen years old. He had been brought up in one of the coast villages of Maine and had a great love for the sea.

Job, like the majority of Yankee farmers, was a firm believer in cattle and did most of his work with oxen. One day he said to Ike, "Ike, if you'll take that pair of yearling steers and break them to work, you can have them." Ike was exceedingly well pleased at that and at once assumed charge of his new possessions. If ever a pair of young oxen were well taken care of, they were. He groomed them as carefully as the horses, so that their sleek coats shone as glossy as silk, and he was so kind with them that they were as gentle as sheep. He named them Jack and Billy.

In his western home Ike never forgot the faroff ocean. It had been the one hope of his life to be a sailor, but his being sent west had destroyed it. When his uncle gave him the steers to break, the idea came to him that though he could never expect to tread the deck of his own ship he could use ship phrases in the education of his oxen and thus always be reminded of his own home beside the sea. Thus it was that Jack and Billy were educated to work, "broken," totally ignorant of the usual commands by which oxen are managed. "Gee" and "haw," "git up" and "whoa" had no meaning for them whatever. It was "haul away" and "port" and "starboard" and "belay." "Stern all" was back. The oxen grew and waxed strong, and his uncle often remarked that he never saw a team that could do more work than those oxen and Ike. No one but Ike ever thought of handling them.

The nearest neighbor to the Haines' was Deacon Merwin, a good man and pillar of the church. The good deacon saw that Ike's yoke of oxen were workers, and a desire came over him to possess them. He offered to buy them several times, but Job always said that they belonged to Ike and were not for sale. The deacon asked Ike if he would sell them, but met with such an indignant refusal that he felt angered, but did not give up the idea of possessing the cattle. Finally he went to Job and said:

"Neighbor Haines, if I'll give you \$400 for 'em. They're too much property for a boy like Ike to have, and it is apt to create in him a bad spirit and make him feel above his elders." "Well, I don't know, deacon. The boy sets a deal by them cattle, and a promise is a promise. I gave them to him if he would break 'em, and he has, so I'm bound to keep my part."

"That's all true enough, Neighbor Haines, but Ike's only a boy, and then, remember, \$400 ain't offered every day for a yoke of cattle. Why not sell me these and give him another pair to break; that 'nd do him just as well?"

The deacon's \$400 and persuasions finally weakened Job's scruples, and he gave him. The deacon was to try them, and if they worked all right was to have them for \$400. How to tell Ike what he had done was a poser to his uncle. His aunt declared it a downright mean piece of business and told Job plainly what she thought of him.

It was finally decided not to say anything to Ike until after the sale had been made and the cattle gone. In order that Ike might not be on hand to see his pets sold he was given a holiday and sent to spend the day at a neighbor's, a couple of miles away, where there was a boy of his age who was a sort of chum of his.

The next morning Ike was off bright and early, and the deacon was on hand shortly after. It would not be fair to Job to say that he did not have any misgivings. He would have backed out of the bargain at the least chance, and he really hoped that the deacon would not be satisfied with them. The oxen were brought out and yoked to the cart without difficulty, though the deacon remarked that they did seem "kinder stoopid." Job and the deacon climbed up into the cart.

"Gee up!"

The oxen turned their big eyes round inquiringly. "Gee up, there!" repeated Job. But they did not move a hoof. "That don't appear like good breaking," remarked the deacon.

"They're broke all right," replied Job. "Come, gee up, there!" At the same time he gave each a prod with the goad. In response to the prodding the cattle walked off toward the open gate, in which direction their heads happened to be turned. Job did not want them to go in the road, so he shouted out, "Hoy, hoy!" to turn them around; but the oxen had no idea what "hoy" meant, and so kept going straight ahead. Job shouted louder and struck Billy with the goad. They quickened their gait into a trot and turned out into the road. Then Job shouted, "Whoa, whoa!" But they did not mind that either.

"They don't appear to be as well broke as I reckoned on," remarked the deacon as he stood in the cart and viewed the proceedings.

Job, rather nettled, "but I'm strange to them. Nobody but Ike ever drove them."

"Well, turn them about," said the deacon.

But they paid no heed to any command, and finally, exasperated, Job struck them both with the goad, and they started at a full run down the road. Clattery bang the cart went, and both Job and the deacon were compelled to hold on the cart stakes to prevent being bounced out of the cart.

"Stop 'em! Stop 'em!" shouted the deacon. "I want to get out. Whoa! Whoa! Whoa, you varmints!" But the oxen only tossed their heads and ran the faster. "Stop 'em, can't you?" Job was downright mad by this time. "Stop 'em yourself, you old fool!" snapped he. "You know as much how to stop 'em as I do."

"We'll be chucked out and killed!" shouted the deacon as the cart banged over a stone.

The oxen were now thoroughly frightened and running away for fair, and both men were badly scared and holding on for dear life. All at once an idea struck Job.

"Say, deacon, can't you talk some sea talk to 'em? That's what I've allers heard Ike talk to 'em," he called out as the cart bumped along.

"Brother Haines, such sea talk as I've heard ain't proper for a pillar of the church to repeat, and I'll call meetin' on you fer this if we git out alive," replied the deacon, with as much dignity as he could assume while holding to the stake.

"Do try, deacon!" shouted the terrified Job. "It may save our lives."

Just then the cart gave a fearful lurch, and the deacon banged his head against the stake he was holding to with considerable force. This made him boiling mad in addition to his fear. "Splice the main brace! Shiver my timbers! Pipe all hands to grog!" and then, as that had no effect on the frantic team, "Boat ahoy!" and then, losing all control of himself: "Ahoy! Ahoy! Drat you, you blankety blank brutes!" and the deacon let out such a string of profanity that Job turned a shade or two paler.

While this was going on the oxen had got over considerable ground. The people along the road gazed in open mouthed astonishment to see two such staid citizens going along so furiously with an ox team and were terribly scandalized at their apparent hilarity.

Ike, totally unconscious of what was going on at home, was plodding along toward his chum's when he heard a fearful clatter coming behind him. He turned and could hardly believe his eyes. There came his pets Jack and Billy at a furious pace and his uncle and the deacon in the cart.

"Stop 'em, Ike! Stop 'em!" shouted his uncle when he saw Ike.

Ike stepped to one side of the road, and as the cattle dashed up called out: "Belay, Jack! Belay, Billy!" At the sound of the familiar voice and command they stopped at once and went quietly up to their young master.

"I'll have the law of you for this, Job Haines," snarled the deacon as he painfully descended from the cart.

"And I'll call church on you!" retorted Job as he rubbed his bruises. "I won't belong to any church with a man that kin swear like you kin. A purty deacon you be?"

"If I had a brat like that, I'd skin him alive!" roared the deacon as he glared at the bewildered Ike.

"Isaac, take them cattle home at once," said his uncle. "As for this wicked man here, I shall never notice him again."

Ike took the cattle home. His uncle walked. His aunt told him about the contemplated sale, and, though he expressed commiseration for his uncle, it is doubtful if he felt any. His aunt said it served them just right. Ike kept his oxen.

Carlyle and Bore.

Whether Carlyle was a dead failure or not is a moot point, but he certainly did not know how to put up with bores. "The art of being savage to those people" or "such things"—as he would have designated them—which Scott so signally lacked, was possessed by him in its perfection. What he could "least endure," we are told, was being bored. "The anathemas which he heaped on unfortunate bores exceed Erasmush's in exquisite variety."

A whole museum might be filled with Carlyle's bores alone. He obtained access to the immortals, and they bored him. To his acrid humor Charles Lamb was something less, almost, than a bore. Coleridge, whom he had not been disinclined to revere, was a bore of the most oppressive kind. "He hobbled about with us," writes the irreverent Thomas, "talking with a kind of solemn emphasis on matters which were of no interest. Nothing came from him that was of use to me that day or, in fact, any day."

Genius That Will Win.

A certain hardware store in this city employed as clerk a genuine eighteen carat genius. They did not know it at the time, but they are firmly convinced of it now.

One day a country customer came in to buy some powder to use on a hunting trip. The new man waited on him and, not being thoroughly "on to the ropes," gave him blasting powder by mistake.

The next day the purchaser brought back the lumpy blasting powder to exchange for what he originally asked for. Here is where the new clerk's genius displayed itself. Instead of taking back the blasting powder on the spot he tried to argue the country customer into buying a coffee grinder, with which the blasting powder might be ground to the requisite fineness.

Sad to relate, he failed, but he made a great hit with his employers nevertheless.—Syracuse Herald.

PAYNE WHITNEY'S FIANCEE.

Helen Hay to Marry Son of Former Naval Secretary.

One of the most prominent of the many engagements that have recently been announced is that of Helen Hay, daughter of Secretary Hay, and Payne Whitney, son of the former secretary of the navy, and another romance is to end in a brilliant wedding. Although the young couple have known each other since childhood, Cupid took no hand in their affairs until last summer, when Mr. Whitney was a guest of the secretary's family at Lake Sunapee, N. H.

Within the last few years Miss Hay has made herself a place in literature, and her poems have attracted a great deal of attention. She is also a prolific



MISS HELEN HAY.

writer of juvenile stories, a collection of which will shortly appear in book form. Two of her earlier works were a small volume entitled "Some Verses," and "The Rose of Dawn," a romance of the south seas, also in poetry.

The secretary's daughter is petite, with regular features, light brown hair and dark brown eyes. She was much admired during her father's term as ambassador to the court of St. James.

The young man who has won Miss Hay's hand is the second son of William C. Whitney. He is tall, very good looking and is well known as an athlete. In 1893 he was captain of the Yale's varsity crew and won front rank as a racket player. Mr. Whitney was admitted to the practice of law last May.

WOES OF ROYALTY.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Roumania May Separate.

If Dame Rumor has again anticipated a fact, another royal couple have found they are not suited to each other and will go to the divorce court to end their marital troubles. This time the pair said to have found their venture into matrimony a failure are the crown prince and princess of Roumania, and the statement has caused much surprise in Europe, it having always been considered that the match was an unusually fortunate and happy one. It is also said that the prince intends to renounce his succession.

The wife of the crown prince of Roumania, Princess Marie, is the eldest daughter of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg, formerly the Duke of Edinburgh, and consequently she is a niece of the king of England. She is only twenty-six years of age and was the first member of the British royal family who married outside the Protestant church.

Prince Ferdinand is thirty-two years of age, and, like all other members of the house of Hohenzollern, was educated at the cadet school at Potsdam and is an officer in the German army. If the report that he intends to renounce his claims to the succession proves true, it will be the third time since King Charles ascended the Roumanian throne that the heir presumptive has abdicated his rights. In 1880 Prince Leopold, King Charles' brother, renounced his rights in favor of his son, Prince William, who later made a similar act of renunciation in favor of his brother, Prince Ferdinand.



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"Well, no."

The officer laughed and said: "Then we must try again. Whom do you nominate?"

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A subdued "donnerwetter!" escaped the lips of the perplexed official, but he went on:

"For the third time—whom do you nominate?"

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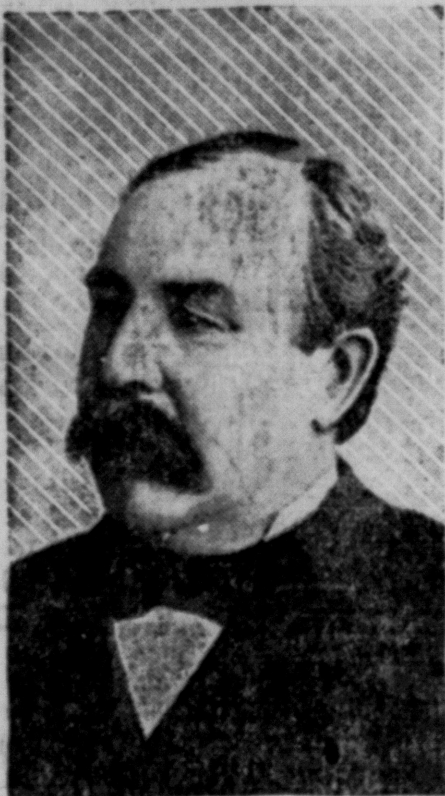
"Yes, mamma," persisted Bobby, with the enthusiasm of a richly rewarded scientific investigator. "but it wasn't paint, and I knew it. It was varnish!"—London King.

A FIGHTING GOVERNOR.

Minnesota's Executive, Who Wants to Smash Railroad Combine.

Few fights against combines have aroused more interest in this country than the one now on in the northwest states in opposition to the consolidation of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern and Burlington railroads. Governor Samuel R. Van Sant of Minnesota, who is leading the battle against the roads, says he has the support of a number of other governors. The affair promises to be fought to a finish and will be a bitter one while it lasts.

Governor Van Sant has an interesting career. He enlisted under President Lincoln's first call for 75,000 men, but was rejected on account of his age,



GOVERNOR S. R. VAN SANT.

being not quite seventeen. Again he was rejected, but finally was accepted as a member of Company A, Ninth Illinois. Before he was allowed to go to war, however, he had to have a written permit from his father.

The governor was a great favorite not only in his own company, but throughout the regiment, and was in the thick of many famous battles. After the war he studied in New York city for some time and then went to Galesburg and graduated from Knox college. Soon after his graduation he went into business with his father at Laclaire, Ia., and they built one of the best raft steamers on the Mississippi.

For a number of years Governor Van Sant was general manager of the Van Sant & Musser line of steamboats. He went to Winona, Minn., in 1883 and was closely identified with the city's best interests and actively assisted in all public enterprises. For two years he was in the council as alderman and was the unanimous nominee of the Republicans for the office of mayor of Winona in 1888. Later he was sent to the state legislature and in 1895 was speaker of the lower house. This is his last term as governor.

THE DES MOINES' SPONSOR

Miss Frances E. West, Who Was Selected to Christen New Warship.

The city of Des Moines, Ia., is not greatly pleased with the battleship that bears its name, but extremely proud of Miss Frances E. West, who was selected to christen it, for few American warships have had fairer sponsors than the new cruiser Des Moines.

Miss West is one of the belles of Des Moines and very handsome and accomplished. She is a musician of ability, and her family is one of the best known in that city. Her mother was a Miss Chase and was connected by ties of blood relationship with Chief Justice Chase and Prescott, the historian. The father of Miss West is a type of the successful business man and is very wealthy.

The Des Moines is a protected cruiser of 3,200 tons, with a speed of 16.5 knots an hour. She is armed with ten 5 inch guns, eight 6 pounders, two 1 pound-



MISS FRANCES E. WEST.

ers and two rapid firing Colts. She has twin screws and is of the same type as the Denver, Chattanooga, Galveston, Cleveland and Tacoma.

This is the second time an Iowa girl has been selected to christen an American warship. Miss Mary Lord Drake, daughter of Governor Drake, gave the Iowa her name when she was launched several years ago. Ever since her debut Miss West has been one of the leading society young women in Des Moines. She is a graduate of Vassar and has traveled widely in Europe.

IKE'S OXEN

How He Trained Them Nautically and What Happened in Consequence.

Among his neighbors Job Haines was considered a pretty fair sort of man. He had settled in a little town in the southern part of Kansas, where he lived as an immigrant from New Hampshire, and he brought his Yankee sharpness with him, but as he dealt fair and attended to his own business he passed. The only member of the family besides Job and his wife was Ike, a nephew whom Job had taken to bring up, as he had no children of his own. Ike was a typical New England boy about fifteen years old. He had been brought up in one of the coast villages of Maine and had a great love for the sea.

Job, like the majority of Yankee farmers, was a firm believer in cattle and did most of his work with oxen. One day he said to Ike, "Ike, if you'll take that pair of yearling steers and break them to work, you can have them." Ike was exceedingly well pleased at that and at once assumed charge of his new possessions. If ever a pair of young oxen were well taken care of, they were. He groomed them as carefully as the horses, so that their sleek coats shone as glossy as silk, and he was so kind with them that they were as gentle as sheep. He named them Jack and Billy.

In his western home Ike never forgot the faroff ocean. It had been the one hope of his life to be a sailor, but his being sent west had destroyed it. When his uncle gave him the steers to break, the idea came to him that though he could never expect to tread the deck of his own ship he could use ship phrases in the education of his oxen and thus always be reminded of his own home beside the sea. Thus it was that Jack and Billy were educated to work, "broken," totally ignorant of the usual commands by which oxen are managed. "Gee" and "haw," "git up" and "whoa" had no meaning for them whatever. It was "haul away" and "port" and "starboard" and "belay." "Stern all" was back. The oxen grew and waxed strong, and his uncle often remarked that he never saw a team that could do more work than those oxen and Ike. No one but Ike ever thought of handling them.

The nearest neighbor to the Haines' was Deacon Merwin, a good man and pillar of the church. The good deacon saw that Ike's yoke of oxen were workers, and a desire came over him to possess them. He offered to buy them several times, but Job always said that they belonged to Ike and were not for sale. The deacon asked Ike if he would sell them, but met with such an indignant refusal that he felt angered, but did not give up the idea of possessing the cattle. Finally he went to Job and said:

"Neighbor Haines, if I can't get you \$400 for 'em. They're too much property for a boy like Ike to have, and it is apt to create in him a bad spirit and make him feel above his elders." "Well, I don't know, deacon. The boy sets a deal by them cattle, and a promise is a promise. I gave them to him if he would break 'em, and he has, so I'm bound to keep my part."

"That's all true enough, Neighbor Haines, but Ike's only a boy, and then, remember, \$400 ain't offered every day for a yoke of cattle. Why not sell me these and give him another pair to break; that 'ud do him jist as well?"

The deacon's \$400 and persuasions finally weakened Job's scruples, and he gave in. The deacon was to try them, and if they worked all right was to have them for \$400. How to tell Ike what he had done was a poser to his uncle. His aunt declared it a downright mean piece of business and told Job plainly what she thought of him.

It was finally decided not to say anything to Ike until after the sale had been made and the cattle gone. In order that Ike might not be on hand to see his pets sold he was given a holiday and sent to spend the day at a neighbor's, a couple of miles away, where there was a boy of his age who was a sort of chum of his.

The next morning Ike was off bright and early, and the deacon was on hand shortly after. It would not be fair to Job to say that he did not have any misgivings. He would have backed out of the bargain at the least chance, and he really hoped that the deacon would not be satisfied with them. The oxen were brought out and yoked to the cart without difficulty, though the deacon remarked that they did seem "kinder stoopid." Job and the deacon climbed up into the cart. "Gee up!"

The oxen turned their big eyes round inquiringly. "Gee up, there!" repeated Job. But they did not move a hoof. "That don't appear like good breaking," remarked the deacon.

"They're broke all right," replied Job. "Come, gee up, there!" At the same time he gave each a prod with the goad. In response to the prodding the cattle walked off toward the open gate, in which direction their heads happened to be turned. Job did not want them to go in the road, so he shouted out, "Hoy, hoy?" to turn them around; but the oxen had no idea what "hoy" meant, and so kept going straight ahead. Job shouted louder and struck Billy with the goad. They quickened their gait into a trot and turned out into the road. Then Job shouted, "Whoa, whoa!" But they did not mind that either.

"They don't appear to be as well broke as I reckoned on," remarked the deacon as he stood in the cart and viewed the proceedings.

"They're broke well enough," replied

Job, rather nettled, "but I'm strange to them. Nobody but Ike ever drove them."

"Well, turn them about," said the deacon.

But they paid no heed to any command, and finally, exasperated, Job struck them both with the goad, and they started at a full run down the road. Clattery bang the cart went, and both Job and the deacon were compelled to hold on the cart stakes to prevent being bounced out of the cart.

"Stop 'em! Stop 'em!" shouted the deacon. "I want to get out. Whoa! Whoa! Whoa, you varmints!" But the oxen only tossed their heads and ran the faster. "Stop 'em, can't you?"

Job was downright mad by this time. "Stop 'em yourself, you old fool!" snapped he. "You know as much how to stop 'em as I do."

"We'll be chucked out and killed!" shouted the deacon as the cart banged over a stone.

The oxen were now thoroughly frightened and running away for fair, and both men were badly scared and holding on for dear life. All at once an idea struck Job.

"Say, deacon, can't you talk some sea talk to 'em? That's what I've allers heard Ike talk to 'em," he called out as the cart bumped along.

"Brother Haines, such sea talk as I've heard ain't proper for a pillar of the church to repeat, and I'll call meetin' on you fer this if we git out alive," replied the deacon, with as much dignity as he could assume while holding to the stake.

"Do try, deacon!" shouted the terrified Job. "It may save our lives."

Just then the cart gave a fearful lurch, and the deacon banged his head against the stake he was holding to with considerable force. This made him boiling mad in addition to his fear. "Splice the main brace! Shiver my timbers! Pipe all hands to grog!" and then, as that had no effect on the frantic team, "Boat ahoy!" and then, losing all control of himself: "Ahoy! Ahoy! Drat you, you blankety blank brutes!" and the deacon let out such a string of profanity that Job turned a shade or two paler.

While this was going on the oxen had got over considerable ground. The people along the road gazed in open mouthed astonishment to see two such staid citizens going along so furiously with an ox team and were terribly scandalized at their apparent hilarity.

Ike, totally unconscious of what was going on at home, was plodding along toward his chum's when he heard a fearful clatter coming behind him. He turned and could hardly believe his eyes. There came his pets Jack and Billy at a furious pace and his uncle and the deacon in the cart.

"Stop 'em, Ike! Stop 'em!" shouted his uncle when he saw Ike.

Ike stepped to one side of the road, and as the cattle dashed up called out: "Belay, Jack! Belay, Billy!" At the sound of the familiar voice and command they stopped at once and went quietly up to their young master.

"I'll have the law of you for this, Job Haines," snarled the deacon as he painfully descended from the cart.

"And I'll call church on you!" retorted Job as he rubbed his bruises. "I won't belong to any church with a man that kin swear like you kin. A purty deacon you be!"

"If I had a brat like that, I'd skin him alive!" roared the deacon as he glared at the bewildered Ike.

"Isaac, take them cattle home at once," said his uncle. "As for this wicked man here, I shall never notice him again."

Ike took the cattle home. His uncle walked. His aunt told him about the contemplated sale, and, though he expressed commiseration for his uncle, it is doubtful if he felt any. His aunt said it served them just right. Ike kept his oxen.

Carlyle and Bore.

Whether Carlyle was a dead failure or not is a moot point, but he certainly did not know how to put up with bores. "The art of being savage to those people" or "such things"—as he would have designated them—which Scott so signally lacked, was possessed by him in its perfection. What he could "least endure," we are told, was being bored. "The anathemas which he heaped on unfortunate bores exceed Erzulphus' in exquisite variety."

A whole museum might be filled with Carlyle's bores alone. He obtained access to the immortals, and they bored him. To his acrid humor Charles Lamb was something less, almost, than a bore. Coleridge, whom he had not been disinclined to revere, was a bore of the most oppressive kind. "He hobbled about with us," writes the irreverent Thomas, "talking with a kind of solemn emphasis on matters which were of no interest. Nothing came from him that was of use to me that day or, in fact, any day."

Genius That Will Win.

A certain hardware store in this city employed as clerk a genuine eighteen carat genius. They did not know it at the time, but they are firmly convinced of it now.

One day a country customer came in to buy some powder to use on a hunting trip. The new man waited on him and, not being thoroughly "on to the ropes," gave him blasting powder by mistake.

The next day the purchaser brought back the lumpy blasting powder to exchange for what he originally asked for. Here is where the new clerk's genius displayed itself. Instead of taking back the blasting powder on the spot he tried to argue the country customer into buying a coffee grinder, with which the blasting powder might be ground to the requisite fineness.

Sad to relate, he failed, but he made a great hit with his employers nevertheless.—Syracuse Herald.

PAYNE WHITNEY'S FIANCEE.

Helen Hay to Marry Son of Former Naval Secretary.

One of the most prominent of the many engagements that have recently been announced is that of Helen Hay, daughter of Secretary Hay, and Payne Whitney, son of the former secretary of the navy, and another romance is to end in a brilliant wedding. Although the young couple have known each other since childhood, Cupid took no hand in their affairs until last summer, when Mr. Whitney was a guest of the secretary's family at Lake Sunapee, N. H.

Within the last few years Miss Hay has made herself a place in literature, and her poems have attracted a great deal of attention. She is also a prolific



MISS HELEN HAY.

writer of juvenile stories, a collection of which will shortly appear in book form. Two of her earlier works were a small volume entitled "Some Verses," and "The Rose of Dawn," a romance of the south seas, also in poetry.

The secretary's daughter is petite, with regular features, light brown hair and dark brown eyes. She was much admired during her father's term as ambassador to the court of St. James.

The young man who has won Miss Hay's hand is the second son of William C. Whitney. He is tall, very good looking and is well known as an athlete. In 1893 he was captain of the Yale's varsity crew and won front rank as a racket player. Mr. Whitney was admitted to the practice of law last May.

WOES OF ROYALTY.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Roumania May Separate.

If Dame Rumor has again anticipated a fact, another royal couple have found they are not suited to each other and will go to the divorce court to end their marital troubles. This time the pair said to have found their venture into matrimony a failure are the crown prince and princess of Roumania, and the statement has caused much surprise in Europe. It having always been considered that the match was an unusually fortunate and happy one. It is also said that the prince intends to renounce his succession.

The wife of the crown prince of Roumania, Princess Marie, is the eldest daughter of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg, formerly the Duke of Edinburgh, and consequently she is a niece of the king of England. She is only twenty-six years of age and was the first member of the British royal family who married outside the Protestant church.

Prince Ferdinand is thirty-two years of age, and, like all other members of the house of Hohenzollern, was educated



PRINCESS MARIE OF ROUMANIA.

at the cadet school at Potsdam and is an officer in the German army. If the report that he intends to renounce his claims to the succession proves true, it will be the third time since King Charles ascended the Roumanian throne that the heir presumptive has abdicated his rights. In 1880 Prince Leopold, King Charles' brother, renounced his rights in favor of his son, Prince William, who later made a similar act of renunciation in favor of his brother, Prince Ferdinand.

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Railroad Companies Charged With Confiscating Whole Trainloads for Their Own Use—A Blizzard Would Bring Business to a Standstill—St. Louis Reports but Little Better Conditions There.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Another 48 hours of continued cold weather and coal famine and Chicago will be placed in a distressing predicament. Sky scrapers will be obliged to shut down their elevators and heating apparatus, factories and industrial institutions will close and force into idleness thousands of employees, hotels, apartment houses and even theaters will be embarrassed, seriously crippled or closed.

The demand for coal for fuel is without precedent and the supply unprecedentedly small. If a blizzard should strike town the maelstrom of business activity will be brought to a standstill. So great is the demand for coal and so urgent its need that the railroad companies are being openly charged with confiscating entire trainloads en route to consignees. The primary cause for this condition of affairs is car shortage on railroad lines.

The supply of coal on hand is only sufficient to last about 30 hours.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—St. Louis faces a shortage of coal which not only forebodes suffering for those whose supply is small, but which may result in a general tie-up of the transit companies' numerous street car lines. Unexpected zero weather, slippery pavements that make hauling extremely difficult, ice floes and low water that have tied up the ferries, combined with other difficulties of transportation, have brought the supply of coal far below the urgent demands of the market. At most coal offices, so short was the supply, orders were scaled down 75 per cent or more, and no promise of immediate delivery would be made.

AN ELABORATE SPREAD.

Signing of the John Jay Treaty Commemorated at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Five hundred people sat down at the seventh annual banquet of the Commercial club of Kansas City held in commemoration of the signing of the John Jay treaty. It was the most elaborate spread in the history of the club and one of the biggest ever held in the city. The guests were Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister; General Arthur MacArthur, Former Congressman John M. Allen of Mississippi and Frederick W. Lehman of St. Louis.

When the Chinese minister entered the banquet hall he was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. Liberal applause was also given General MacArthur and Messrs. Allen and Lehman. Toasts were responded to by all the guests.

ALGER HAS GALLSTONES.

Former Secretary of War Critically Ill at His Detroit Home.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—General R. A. Alger, former secretary of war, is suffering from a severe attack of gallstones. A consultation of physicians was held at his residence and it was decided that unless General Alger should considerably improve within the next 24 hours an operation would be performed on him then to relieve the trouble. Dr. W. H. Longyear, one of the consulting physicians, reported that the patient had been very comfortable during the day and said that if he continued to improve he did not think an operation would be necessary. Asked whether General Alger was in a dangerous condition he replied: "He is in a critical condition, but I do not think it should be called dangerous at present."

REVENUE BILL RECEIVED.

Is Referred to the Senate Committee on Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 20.—In the absence of Mr. Frye of Maine, president pro tem, Mr. Perkins of California presided over the day's session of the senate. The bill to temporarily provide revenue for the Philippine islands, which was passed by the house of representatives Wednesday, was referred to the committee on Philippines.

A bill to increase the official bond of the United States marshal of Alaska in certain cases to \$75,000 was introduced by Mr. Hoar and passed without reference to committee.

At 12:40 the senate, on motion of Mr. Hale, went into executive session.

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GETS RUSH ORDERS.

Cruiser Philadelphia to Go to Panama With All Speed.

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Tried to Bribe Immigration Officer.

New York, Dec. 20.—Ernest Sapot, former steward on the steamship La Gasconie of a transatlantic line, has been sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment for attempting to bribe an immigration officer to pass certain immigrants as citizens. Federal Judge Thomas imposed the sentence.

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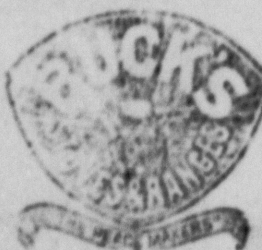
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Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$6.50@7.35; poor to medium, \$3.75@5.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.00@4.50; cows and heifers, \$1.00@2.50; Texas steers, \$4.30@5.25. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$3.35@6.55; good to choice heavy, \$6.25@6.90; rough heavy, \$5.90@6.15; light, \$5.00@5.90; bulk of sales, \$5.80@6.50. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$3.75@4.10; lambs, \$2.50@5.50.

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